

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls for urgent action to curb increasing crime and address safety concerns in Nelson Mandela Bay Department of Health**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about rising crime rates in Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape and resulting safety risks faced by public servants.

Recent events have underscored the critical need for enhanced security measures and prompt action by especially the Eastern Cape Department of Health management. The PSA recently visited Rosedale Clinic following a tragic shooting incident that resulted in the death of a 67-year-old woman living next to the clinic in Uitenhage. The PSA is deeply troubled by the Department management's failure to visit the clinic and provide support to employees in the aftermath of this incident. This lack of response is unacceptable and highlights a concerning disregard for employee welfare.

Additionally, the PSA received reports that the gate at Motherwell CHC was non-functional for seven days. During this period, the security company assigned few guards, without working metal detectors to the facility. This security lapse is extremely concerning and poses a significant risk to the safety of employees and patients.

The PSA urges the Eastern Cape Department of Health's management to urgently address these security issues. Ensuring the safety of employees must be a top priority. The PSA will continue to advocate for stronger security measures and immediate responses to incidents to protect employees and maintain a safe working environment.

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