



**MEDIA RELEASE                                PSA concerned about collapse of Gauteng Department of Health owing to freezing of posts by Provincial Treasury**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is concerned about the impact of austerity measures that have been imposed at the Gauteng Department of Health.

The PSA requested a bilateral meeting with the Head of Department (HOD) of the Gauteng Department of Health to discuss the unfreezing of vacant posts. The meeting was held on 30 September 2024, where the PSA was joined by the other trade unions admitted to the Public Health and Social Development Sectoral Bargaining Council. The PSA is appalled that despite the Departments' attempts to fill vacant and funded posts, the Gauteng Provincial Treasury disapproved motivations to have all critical posts filled owing to austerity measures.

The Department is currently under instruction to freeze all critical posts, including posts for Doctors, Nurses, Cleaners, Security Officers, Clerks, Supply Chain Officials, Forensic Pathology Officials, Emergency Medical Officials, Medical Supply Officials. Over the past two months thousands of employees of the Department were not paid their salaries. These employees, however, continue to provide services despite knowing that the Provincial Treasury has not approved payment of their salaries.

The Gauteng Provincial Government is exploiting its employees at the Department. The PSA has requested a meeting with the Gauteng Office of the Premier to resolve this matter and restore the dilapidated state of the healthcare system in Gauteng.

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