

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA condemns shooting at Mission Vale Clinic, Nelson Mandela Bay in Eastern Cape
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) strongly condemns the tragic shooting incident that occurred at Mission Vale Clinic in the Eastern Cape on 13 January 2025.

The incident claimed the life of one person and also caused damage to state property. Fortunately, no employees of the Clinic were injured, but they remain deeply traumatised by the event. This incident underscores an alarming reality about safety in Nelson Mandela Bay. The PSA has continuously raised concerns in this regard. Reports indicate that the armed person entered the Clinic, highlighting a failure in security measures, particularly given the reality that the area is known as a hotspot for gang-related activities. It has also come to the PSA's attention that the current allocation of security personnel is insufficient to effectively manage security challenges at the Clinic. This reduction in available security forces impedes the ability to protect the community and Clinic employees.

In view of these ongoing safety concerns, the PSA urges the Member of the Executive Council and Head of Department of the Eastern Cape Department of Health to take immediate, proactive measures to enhance security. The PSA proposes that the establishment of dedicated security response teams to be stationed near major centres and crime hotspots in the region for a 24-hour police presence. The PSA calls for urgent intervention by both provincial and local government authorities to ensure the safety of public institutions, which have increasingly become targets for criminal activity.

The Union further urges public servants and communities to stay vigilant and safe.

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