

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA extremely concerned about safety of employees at Chiawelo Clinic, Johannesburg Metro Health District
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about the safety of employees at Chiawelo Community Health Centre, under the Johannesburg Metro Health District, following a distressing hostage incident on 18 February 2025.

In the early hours of 18 February 2025 at approximately 01:00 a group of unknown men, impersonating crime prevention wardens, by wearing *Amapanyaza* uniforms, entered the facility under the pretence of seeking emergency care. Security footage reveals that they forcefully entered the security guard room, held officers at gunpoint, and coerced a female security guard to disclose operational departments. The assailants proceeded to rob medical staff and security officers of personal belongings and physically assaulted a medical officer on duty before fleeing prior to the police's arrival.

The PSA urges the Gauteng Health Department to implement stricter security measures to protect employees working night shifts. The PSA also urges the South African Police Service to intervene and provide regular monitoring services at this public health facility to prevent future incidents. Ensuring the safety of healthcare workers is paramount, and immediate action is required to safeguard those dedicated to serving the community.

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