

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA says “Joe Morolong Hospital is a ticking time bomb” if safety issues not addressed urgently**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), which represents a significant number of government employees, was shocked to learn about the health and safety conditions at Joe Morolong Hospital in Vryburg. The PSA takes these matters very seriously and emphasizes that the well-being of both employees and patients is of the highest priority. The PSA is also aware that the *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act 85 of 1993* aims to protect the well-being of workers.

Recent reports and inspections have highlighted several areas requiring urgent attention, including no ventilation and extractor fans not working in the mortuary area. This causes the entire area to smell and if there is inadequate ventilation to remove odours and airborne contaminants it can create an unpleasant and potentially hazardous environment in the mortuary area.

There is a shortage of cleaners in the hospital which leaves some areas dirty and unhygienic. In the warehouse, it was found that the toilet was not working, and the officials were using the bucket system. Some areas have old and dusty carpets that produce a bad odour which can potentially lead to respiratory issues, allergies, and other health complications.

The PSA recognises that these issues can impact the quality of care provided and is committed to taking responsibility as a union to protect the health and safety issues of workers seriously. Communique and follow-ups were already forwarded to the CEO of the Hospital and the PSA is requesting leadership to urgently attend and improve these issues at the hospital.

The PSA deeply appreciate the support and patience of staff as we work diligently to create a safer and more effective healthcare environment for all. Staff at the hospital remain dedicated to providing the best possible care to patients.

The PSA is committed to not only providing exceptional services for members' rights but also making a positive impact in the communities we serve.

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