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## Feedback: Meeting with management to discuss solutions to ongoing strike at Zithulele Hospital

A meeting between the PSA, the Department of Health Management, Hospital Board, stakeholders, traditional leaders, and other union leaders took place on 5 August 2024 at the Nelson Mandela Hospital. The purpose of the meeting was to engage labour, traditional leaders, and stakeholders to a possible and equitable solution to the ongoing strike at Zithulele Hospital. It was reported that patients were transferred to nearby hospitals (Madwaleni and St Barnabas Hospital) whilst leaving many in distress. As a result of the strike, it was further reported that a total of three lives were lost, which is regrettable.

Following lengthy discussion on the matter and owing to its sensitivity, it was resolved that attendees of the meeting held on 5 August 2024 must gather at the Zithulele Hospital on 6 August 2024 to address the community that is embarking on the strike with the hope to reach an amicable solution to the ongoing strike, which has a negative impact and causing distress to many patients. The PSA will keep members informed but advises members to exercise caution and not participate in an illegal strike, as the PSA is not party to the strike action at Zithulele Hospital. Feedback to members will be given after the meeting of 6 August 2024 with the community, hospital management, traditional leaders, and labour.

As the PSA advocates for worker rights, by protecting their rights and promoting their interests, members are encouraged to report challenges they encounter at work institutions to PSA Offices. Employees not belonging to the PSA are welcome to contact [Kenneth.qikani@psa.co.za](mailto:Kenneth.qikani@psa.co.za) or contact the PSA Provincial Office on (047) 501 2500 / 082 880 2936.

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