

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (JOHANNESBURG AREA)**

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Occupational health and safety: Condition of Johan Heyns Community Health Centre, Van Der Bijlpark

Members will remember that the PSA a while ago reported that the Johan Heyns Community Health Centre in Van Der Bijlpark was in a state of total dilapidation and a threat to employees in the building. The building accommodated the District Office for Vaal/Sebokeng Area, the Community Health Centre, several Clinics and the Pharmacy and District Pharmacy.

The PSA had several meetings with Gauteng Health Management on District level and Head Office, which resulted in a feedback meeting on 11 September 2024. The PSA was pleased to receive feedback from the Chief Director responsible for the district, when he without a doubt stated that the outcome is as a result of the PSA intervention only. He praised the PSA for its intervention and ensuring that the health and safety of employees are protected.

The following was reported:

1. The District Office will be relocated to a new building as soon as a new building has been procured. The Department is busy with the procurement process. This will be a permanent arrangement.
2. The Johan Heyns complex will after renovations be reopened as a district Hospital instead of a Community Health Centre. It is estimated that the revamping will take around three years to complete.
3. The Clinic will be closed, and the service and staff will be moved to other clinics in the area.
4. A part of the building that is not in such a bad condition will be repurposed to accommodate the Community Health Centre temporary until the revamping of the building is completed and then change into a district hospital.
5. The Pharmacy is still remaining at this moment, however, discussion is ongoing. In moving a pharmacy there are many requirements in law that need to be adhered to and as soon as it is possible to adhere to these, the Pharmacy will also be relocated.

Occupational health and safety are crucial aspects in the workplace and PSA will always ensure that members are protected. Members will be updated on progress.

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