

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

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## Special Multilateral: Gauteng Department of Social Development

### **Merger of JW Luckhoff and Emmasdal without proper consultation**

Members will recall from the previous *Informus* that the Gauteng Department of Social Development is in the process of repurposing JW Luckhoff Child and Youth Care Centre in Heidelberg into a Rehabilitation Centre. The Gauteng Department of Social Development finalised a decision of movement of all staff members of JW Luckhoff to Emmasdal Child and Youth Care Centre. This was done without proper consultation with the PSA and other recognised unions.

The Head of Department and Senior Management did not have any willingness to consult with the PSA but reported that they are launching a JW Luckhoff Rehabilitation Centre on Friday, 4 October 2024. The PSA requested to have a meeting with the MEC for Gauteng Social Development, which took place on 2 October 2024. After inspection of the state of readiness of Emmasdal Child and Youth Care Centre with the MEC, it was resolved that the building was not ready. It was also resolved that:

- The children and employees will not move from JW Luckhoff to Emmasdal Child and Youth Care Centre on 4 October 2024;
- Emmasdal Child and Youth Care Centre will be revamped fully before movement takes place;
- Movement of children and staff members is postponed to January 2025;
- Consultations will take place on a monthly basis between PSA and Senior Management of the Department; and
- A school at JW Luckhoff will move to Emmasdal to cater for educational needs of the children.

The MEC reported that Emmasdal Child and Youth Care Centre's name will change in January to Busisiwe Modisakeng Child and Youth Care Centre.

Members will be informed of developments.

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