

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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Update: North West Department of Health OHS Committee Meeting

The Department of Health together with the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC), which includes labour, will embark on occupational health and safety (OHS) inspections across the province. The inspections will commence on 26 June 2024 at Tswelelopele Community Health Centre and will end on 12 September 2024 at Khudutlou Clinic. This effort from the Department of Health and OHS section is welcomed by PSA and will assist the Department greatly.

The Occupational Health and Safety meeting noted several districts that were complying with OHS activities and ensuring that the required meetings are held timeously. Other districts and hospitals were encouraged to learn from such complying institutions. The quality of water across all districts was satisfactory and tested regularly. A fair number of districts still need to train OHS committees, safety and health representatives, fire aiders and first aiders.

A downward trend of employees not utilising wellness services was noted. It was agreed that this will be remedied by implementing health campaigns for staff wellness targets that are not performing well against the proposed annual targets. The PSA urges members working in buildings that do not meet OHS standards, to report this to the PSA Provincial Office.

Employees who are interested in joining the PSA are welcome to contact Patience Mashaba on 082 880 8943 and Nozi Monaisa on 082 880 8992.

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