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-MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.  
**#AsibeHealthyGP**

## Gauteng welcomes 1944 medical interns and community service professionals

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has welcomed 1 944 medical interns and community service professionals across hospitals, community healthcare centres and clinics as part of the 2023 intake.

The cohort includes 429 Medical Interns, 61 Clinical Psychologists, 63 Pharmacists, 15 Dentists, 97 Diagnostic Radiographers, 54 Dietitians, 35 Environmental Health Practitioners, 246 Community Service Medical Officers, 84 Occupational Therapists; 85 Pharmacists; 94 Physiotherapists, 544 Professional Nurses and 67 Speech and Hearing professionals.

MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko who welcomed the new health professionals on Thursday said that the cohort will receive guidance from highly competent clinicians who are educated, skilled and experienced in various disciplines.

"Upon completion of both your Internship and Community Service, you as junior professionals will be registered with your respective statutory councils as independent practitioners who can practice in the public or private sector.

"However, we encourage you to stay in the public sector. Stay and specialise if you can. We need more specialists in all clinical disciplines, especially nursing and medical specialists," said the MEC.

In South Africa, the Gauteng province employs and appoints more medical interns and community service professionals. A total budget of R957 167 000 has been set aside to appoint these critically skilled personnel into the patient-centred, clinician-led and stakeholder-driven healthcare service.

The medical interns and community service professionals are joining the GDoH which has strategic priorities which include amongst others, the implementation of the NHI, improving patients' experience of care, improving clinical services and health education and promotion.

The Acting Head of Department, Lesiba Malotana said the internship and community service training programmes will provide the requisite exposure to guarantee the necessary experience before independent practice of the health professionals.

"At the end of your regulated stay with us we hope to attract, provide best training, and retain you as the young health science professionals in the service of communities. We also intend to build long-term relationship with you.

"We anticipate that you will be inspired, motivated, and assisted to acquire the necessary competencies and skills to be



### A week of service delivery spot-checks

The Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko together with the Departmental management team has been visiting healthcare facilities as part of efforts to accelerate service delivery and ensure that interventions are immediately implemented where service delivery is impacted.

In Tshwane, the MEC visited Kgabo Community Healthcare Centre in Winterveldt and Tlamelong Clinic and Odi Hospital in Mabopane, as well as Nellmapius Clinic in Mamelodi. While in Johannesburg, she visited Helen Joseph and Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospitals, and Pholosong Hospital in Ekurhuleni.

registered as independent health sciences professionals," said Malotana.

In addition, medical intern at Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital, Dr Naledi Khoali commended the first ever initiative by MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko to personally welcome new health professionals into the public health system.

"It is pleasant feeling to know that we are valued and this makes me look forward to working and learning from some of the best clinicians in the province, as well as improving the health of communities and saving lives," said Dr Khoali.

## Sinthumule's vigilance leads to a baby being reunited with their biological mother



The Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko has commended Mulalo Sinthumule, a Security Officer at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (CHBAH) for her alertness which led to a baby that was incorrectly released to a family being reunited with their biological mother.

On Tuesday, 18 April 2023, a 35-year-old mother, who had given birth to a baby boy the previous day (Monday, 17 April) was mistakenly discharged with a wrong baby. A security official noticed that the baby-boy had a name tag which did not match with that of the mother and immediately alerted the nursing staff. The team on duty did not follow standard operating procedure in place within the hospital when discharging the mother and the baby.

When the matter was further looked into, it was confirmed that the mother was discharged with the wrong baby. The mother and the baby were fetched from their home within a couple of hours on the same day, back to the hospital where the matter was resolved. Health checks were conducted on the baby prior to him being reunited with his biological mother.

*CHBAH is a world-class healthcare facility and we are there to ensure that there is no negligence taking place under our watch.* ”  
~ Sinthumule.

The second patient who is still admitted at the hospital is a 31-year-old mother whose child was mistakenly released to a wrong family. She was alerted of this and later reunited with her child.

Both families are receiving trauma counselling to help them deal with the ordeal. The families have further agreed to conduct DNA and related tests to put the matter to rest once and for all. “We thank the security officer for his alertness as this situation could have turned out much worse.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused to both families. The Department will take corrective action for this kind of negligence,” explained MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

Sinthumule said that she is encouraged to even perform her duties with diligence after the recognition by MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

“I am very happy that our work as security officers is being recognised. Although it is my duty to ensure that security protocols are followed, I am very proud to have taken part in ensuring that a new bundle of joy is reunited with their loved one.

“CHBAH is a world-class healthcare facility and we are there to ensure that there is no negligence taking place under our watch,” said a very jubilant Sinthumule. ”

## Safety of staff and patients remains top priority

As part of efforts to ensure the continuous safety of both staff and patients in health facilities, the Gauteng Department of Health has put measures in place to empower healthcare workers on how to respond to attack incidents.

This was said by the MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko while responding to questions at the Gauteng Provincial Legislature on incidents of attacks at health facilities.

There are 61 incidents that took place between January 2022 to date which are attributed to mental healthcare users, while others relate to anger towards staff for various reasons such as refusal to buy them items or patient trying to escape, angry relatives and patients linked to criminal activities.

“The attacks range from incidents where staff members were bitten, punched, hit on the face, robbed or assaulted. These led to patients either being sedated, restrained, transferred to other wards or facilities or being secluded and in some instances cases being opened with the police,” explained MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

Majority of the incidents happened at Weskoppies Psychiatric Hospital (21), Carletonville Hospital (9) and Far East Rand Hospital (9), Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (7), Thelle



Mogoerane Hospital (4) Kopanong Hospital (3), with other facilities accounting for less or no incidents.

MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko explained that the Department continues to take measures to equip staff to deal with incidents of attack and to also reduce such. The also measures include:

- Training of staff on responding to aggression violence in the affected institutions and other facilities.
- Improve the profiling of patients so that attending staff members have access to patient history and are fully aware of other underlying conditions.
- Continuous psychological and emotional support and counselling to staff.
- Staff advised to always follow Standard Operating Procedures when attending to patients.

- Staff encouraged to report all incidents to Occupation Health and Safety officers.
- Implementation of existing Gauteng Department of Health and SAPS Memorandum of Understanding.
- Continuous education of patients and their relatives on the treatment procedures to ensure greater cooperation.
- Installation of CCTV cameras at strategic location for monitoring purposes.

“Our goal is to minimise if not eradicate such incidents in our facilities. We have to work with healthcare workers and other stakeholders such as hospital boards, clinic committees and the patients themselves to curb incidents of attacks inside our facilities. The safety of our staff including patients remains a priority,” assured MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

## Asibe HealthyGP mobile clinics taken to the community of Leratong Village



Sandile Gwayi

The Community of Leratong Village Park in the West Rand were this week pleased to welcome mobile clinics bringing health services to their doorsteps.

Residents were able to access healthcare services and health checks including TB screening and testing, COVID-19 testing and vaccination, HIV testing, high-blood pressure and diabetes screening and oral health services, amongst others. Those whose tests were suspect were referred to the nearest clinic for further management.

MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko who lead the campaign encouraged the residents to lead healthy lifestyles and take up physical activity to ensure the reduction

of lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, heart diseases and stroke.

“We have introduced wellness as an elevated priority to ensure that the lives of communities are changed for the better. We need you to work with us and be part of the movement we have undertaken to live healthy lifestyles.

“Through healthy eating, we can prevent many lifestyle diseases. We need to eat more fruit and vegetables. Water is also essentially good,” said MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

The MEC also rolled her sleeves and led the planting of vegetables in a garden that will be used by the community of Leratong Village Park, and encouraged the community members to ensure that food bought from spaza shops is not expired or contaminated.

Mboneni Tabane, a community leader at Leratong Village Park said that he was grateful that the Gauteng Department of Health is now taking services directly to communities.

“I am very happy with the Asibe Healthy GP programme which has brought services closer to us. Many residents are reluctant to go to the clinics as there are long queues. However, this is a good approach to encourage people to live healthy lifestyles and know their health status,” said Tabane.

The taking of mobile units to communities is part of the 2023 State of the Province Address commitments that Gauteng Premier, Panyaza Lesufi made to dispatch mobile clinics to township, informal settlement and hostel (TISH) communities.

## First Lady Monica Geingos to use Thuthuzela Care Centres model in Namibia



The First Lady of Namibia, Monica Geingos on Friday, 21 April 2023 visited the Thuthuzela Care Centre (TCC) at Thelle Mogoerane as part of a benchmarking exercise.

TCCs are one-stop facilities that offer services to victims of sexual assault, rape and gender-based violence (GBV) across the province. These centres aim to reduce secondary victimisation, improve conviction rates and reduce the cycle time for finalisation of cases.

In Gauteng, TCCs are mostly situated in public hospitals and closer to communities, where the incidence of rape is particularly high. They are also linked to sexual offences courts, which are staffed by skilled prosecutors, social workers, magistrates, non-governmental organisations and law enforcement, and located in close proximity to the centres.

MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko who gave First Lady

Geingos a tour of the TTC said that the benchmarking visit by the Namibia shows the progressiveness of programmes that support victims of sexual assault, rape and GBV offered by the province.

“These centres are meant to ensure that victims receive the best care and are comfortable at the same time. Patients are seen by trained clinicians which results in better clinical outcomes.

“We have ensured that these centres are fully equipped with computerized colposcopes, sonars and medical equipment, and covered by clinicians who are stationed at the facilities day and night, 24 hours a day. There is also psycho-social care rendered by facility social workers,” said MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

Survivors of sexual assault and rape can get services such as Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) treatment at the centres to reduce their risk of contracting HIV, as well as a comprehensive package that includes medication to prevent pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) including HIV, Hepatitis B and Tetanus in the case where a person has sustained physical injuries. Female patients are provided with Emergency Contraceptives Pills to prevent pregnancy.

Any victim of sexual assault or rape should go to their nearest health facility to access services as soon as possible. It is important to note that there is no need to first obtain a police case to receive health services. A survivor can go to the police station before or after the medical examination.

# Spaza shops encouraged to comply with regulations

Koketso Maraba

In an effort to educate communities about food safety-related matters and food control legislation in food premises, MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko together with Emfuleni Environmental Health Practitioners, Consumer Affairs, and Home Affairs paid a visit to the local stores in Boipatong, Sedibeng on Wednesday, 19 April 2023.

To assist shop owners in providing safe and nutritious food to communities, Environmental Health inspectors during their evaluation encouraged the store owners to apply for certificates of acceptability.

The inspectors referred the shop owners to the Department of Infrastructure to assist them in building safe, ventilated shops. Also, the inspectors recommended the shop owners consult with Economic Development's Consumer Affairs to advise shop owners on ways to provide the community with safe goods and services to avoid legal actions against them.

Out of service fire extinguishers were removed from the premises. The inspectors also organised a garbage disposal truck to remove the food that had no labels, the food that had been exposed to insects and rodents, and the food that had expired.

Due to the inability to produce legal documents to Home Affairs, a local shop owner was also arrested by the South African Police Services (SAPS) and the store was closed.



"The Department of Health is here to assist with the inspection of Tuck Shops in Boipatong today to inform and educate shop owners about the regulators' expectations in maintaining safe, and hygienic food premises.

"The Department aims to intensify its efforts in making communities aware of food safety issues so the public can make informed choices. Hence, it is important that prevention, detection, and response to health threats associated with unsafe food challenges are addressed," explained MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

Unsafe food can cause foodborne pathogens which can lead to harmful bacteria, fungi, yeasts, parasites, viruses, and even acute poisoning.

"As Environmental Health Practitioners we visit food premises regularly to constantly follow up on the newly implemented food safety measures. We also ensure that we respond to community complaints about food premises that do not comply with food safety regulations," pointed Amos Gumede, the Chief Environmental Health Practitioner in Emfuleni.

## WORLD MALARIA DAY

**25 April 2023 | 09h00 – 14h00**  
**Mphahlwa Informal Settlement, East Driefontein Mine, Carltonville**

The following activities and services will take place:  
 Fun walk: 8am-9am | Aerobics and healthy lifestyle education  
 Malaria education | Malaria rapid testing | TB, Blood pressure, and Health screenings HIV testing and counselling



**MATTERS TO US!**



Dear Sir/Madam

Appreciation letter dedicated to the Stanza Bopape staff. On the 25th of February 2023, I came to the clinic for help. I had a one-month-old son who was in a critical condition and I received help at the clinic in a speedy manner and without any hesitation. Words could never express our gratitude towards all that you did and continue to do for our child. You are truly amazing, compassionate, and brilliant heroic beings. We admire you all for your commitment to all the patients and families who you touch every day. I am very thankful to the staff because my son is now well.

**Rethabile Makola**

To sisters Matila and Mohuba.  
 Stanza Bopape Clinic

\* Letter grammatically edited

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- patients.health@gauteng.gov.za or support@gauteng.gov.za
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<b>Medical Specialist (Psychiatrist)</b> - Sebokeng Hospital
<b>Professional Nurse Specialty (Advanced Midwifery)</b> - Dr Yusuf Dadoo Hospital
<b>Pharmacist Grade 1</b> - Dr Yusuf Dadoo Hospital
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<b>Medical Officer (One (1) Year Contract With Possibility Of Renewal)</b> - Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital
<b>Medical Specialist</b> -Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital
<b>Medical Specialist</b> - Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital
<b>Social Worker Grade 1</b> - Sub District G And D Reporting To Johannesburg Health District
<b>Health Information Officer Level 5</b> - Johannesburg Health District Services
<b>Professional Nurse Speciality Pnb-1 Phc, Child Nursing Science, Advanced Paediatric And Neonatal Nursing Science, Advanced Midwifery And Neonatal Nursing Science, Intensive Care Nursing Science, Operating Theatre Nursing Science, Trauma And Emergency Nursing Science, Orthopaedic Nursing Science, Science, Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Science</b> - Bertah Gxowa Hospital
<b>Assistant Director (Facility Manager)</b> - Ga-Rankuwa Fps
<b>Assistant Director: Financial Management</b> - J0hannesburg Health District
<b>Operational Manager Pna5 (Quality Assurance)</b> - Rahima Moosa Mother And Child Hospital
<b>Human Resource Clerk (Level 5)</b> - Central Office, Johannesburg
<b>Human Resource Clerk</b> - Masakhane Provincial Laundry And Cook Freeze Factory
<b>Labour Relations Officer (Level 7)</b> - Central Office, Johannesburg
<b>Admin Clerk: Finance</b> - Masakhane Provincial Laundry And Cook Freeze Factory
<b>Medical Registrar (Neurosurgery)</b> - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
<b>Professional Nurse: (Psychiatry General Nursing Grade 1-3 Or Specialty Nursing Pnb 1)</b> - Rahima Moosa Mother And Child Hospital
<b>Medical Officer Grade 1, 2 And 3 Sessional Post (20 Sessions)</b> - Forensic Medical Services
<b>Administration Clerk Level 5</b> - Roodepoort Fps X1
<b>Professional Nurse Grade 1 (Specialty)</b> - Tara The H. Moross Centre, Sandton
<b>Medical Registrar: Public Health</b> - Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital
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- Always follow instructions carefully and fill in Z83 with precision.
- Students who want to study towards a Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care (one year) or Diploma in Emergency Medical Care (two years) at Legbone College of Emergency Care. For more info visit: <https://lcoec.ac.za>
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