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ACTING HEALTH MEC DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT AMMUNITION DISCOVERED AT CHRIS HANI BARAGWANATH ACADEMIC HOSPITAL

The Gauteng Acting MEC for Health, Jacob Mamabolo has expressed deep concern over an assortment of ammunitions that were discovered at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital by security officers in the early hours of this morning (Sunday, 20 September 2020) when they were doing their routine patrol.

The ammunitions consisting of 47 bullets, 3 x 9mm hand guns, 2 pepper sprays, 2 handcuffs, 1 SAPS reflector vest and 1 police cap were discovered at the one of the unoccupied doctor's quarters which is due to be renovated.

The matter has been handed over to the Diepkloof SAPS who have since opened a case and are conducting further investigations.

"It is deeply concerning that an unaccounted-for assortment of ammunition was found in a space that is meant to look after patients' healthcare. We call on the police to get to the bottom of this and ensure that if these weapons were used to commit any crime those responsible are brought to book," states MEC Mamabolo.

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