



MEDIA STATEMENT

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GAUTENG HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED INVESTIGATION ON THE INCIDENT INVOLVING MS THERESA NGWEDU

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) is aware of the reported incident that happened at Mamelodi Hospital involving Theresa Ngwedu and wishes to assure stakeholders that the matter is being thoroughly investigated.

Upon learning about the incident the Tshwane District Health management reacted swiftly by appointing a Clinical Specialist: Obstetrician and Gynaecologist to investigate the incident.

In addition to this, the hospital has been in touch with the family and offered them psychological support.

The Department also notes the xenophobic comments alleged to have been made by one member of the staff, these allegations are being taken very seriously and being looked into. As a Department we condemn all forms of racism and discrimination including xenophobia.

The South African Bill of Rights states unequivocally states that access to healthcare is a basic human right and therefore, nobody should be denied access to healthcare in any of our facilities irrespective of nationality, race, class or gender

A case is reported to have been opened with the South African Police Service in Mamelodi East and the Department is prepared to cooperate with the relevant authorities to find the truth and act appropriately.

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