

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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## GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WORKING ON RESOLVING CHALLENGES AT BHEKI MLANGENI HOSPITAL

The Gauteng Department of Health can confirm the precautionary transfer of the CEO of Bheki Mlangeni Hospital. The CEO is allegedly implicated in a case of misconduct. The issues surrounding the case must still be verified and a determination will be made accordingly.

The CEO has been moved from the hospital. Ms Makabedi Makhetha will be acting in the position.

Acting Heath MEC Jacob Mamabolo stated that "There is a need to urgently resolve the broader challenges at Bheki Mlangeni Hospital and restore the confidence of the community in the facility's capacity to continue providing much needed healthcare services".

The MEC further added that the case of the alleged rape that took place in the facility is being looked into, and the department will appoint an independent investigator to help finalise the matter following an internal preliminary report.

The matter has also been referred to the South African Police Services(SAPS) to investigate.

The Department remains committed to improving the patient experience of care in Gauteng Health facilities.

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