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Helen Joseph first to receive pioneering new biometric identification system that is set to purge the Extended Public Works Programme of corruption and fraud

Gauteng Provincial Government's new facial recognition and biometric identification system for the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) will go live at the Helen Joseph Hospital in Auckland Park tomorrow.

The Department of Infrastructure Development (GDID) recently announced that it would be using this new high-tech system to close loopholes that previously allowed fraudulent and corrupt activities to flourish.

The new system uses facial recognition and fingerprint readers to biometrically verify the identity of every EPWP beneficiary, record their attendance on site, the hours worked – and ultimately generate payment reports. It will ensure that the right beneficiaries are paid, in line with actual hours worked, and that they do so at the site allocated to them.

The system will be demonstrated at Helen Joseph tomorrow when it officially goes into commission.

The event takes place as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 05 December 2018

Venue: Helen Joseph Hospital, 1 Perth Rd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg

Time: 10:00

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