

Media Statement

HPCSA Public Awareness Campaign in Tshepison, Soweto

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is a statutory body, established to protect the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality healthcare standards for all.

In order to fully discharge its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions, the HPCSA in collaboration with the Department of Health will be hosting a public awareness campaign in Tshepison, Gauteng Province. The focus of the awareness campaign will be amongst others; to inform the public on the role and responsibilities of the HPCSA; to educate the public in terms of their rights as patients and to educate the public on the role of mediation in Medical Negligence. Another mandate of Council is to enforce compliance by practitioners in line with the provisions of the Health Professions Act, 1974. This awareness campaign will therefore educate the public on how to identify bogus practitioners and work closely with the HPCSA to root out and report fake practitioners.

Attending the event is the Registrar/CEO of the HPCSA and other stakeholders

Details of the event are as follows:

Venue: Tshepison Community Hall, Gauteng
Date: Thursday, 05 September 2019
Time: 10:00 – 14:00

On the day of the event, the following services will be provided:

- HIV Counselling and Testing
- Testing of Diabetes
- Testing of Hypertension
- Eye testing
- Dentistry
- Breast Cancer screening

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is a statutory body established in terms of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions and the mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

Council is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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