
Media Statement

CAUTION AGAINST LOCUMS PRACTISING ILLEGALLY

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For immediate release

Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office in collaboration with the Hawks in the North West, the Local Criminal Record Centre and the Medicines Control Council conducted an inspection on 16 May 2018 in Wolmaransstad, North West Province.

Mr Peter Mukendi Kayembe (Congolesse Citizen) was arrested after he was found practising as a medical practitioner while not registered with the HPCSA. Mr Kayembe is employed as a locum doctor by Dr Melvin Isaac Mokoena, a registered practitioner, practising at Shop 09, Kruger Street, Wolmaransstad since November 2015. As a result, the practice was shut down. Dr Mokoena was not available during the inspection.

Mr Kayembe appeared at the Wolmaransstad Magistrate Court today (17 May 2018) for contravention of Section 17(1)(a) of the Health Professions Act and Contravention of the Medicine and related substances Act for dispensing medicines without a dispensing licence.

Mr Kayembe is the second unregistered Locum found to be employed by Dr Mokoena, the other unregistered Locum (Augustine Menji) who was arrested in Ottosdal on 03 May 2017.

The HPCSA cautions practitioners on the dangers of employing locum doctors that are not registered with Council.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

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

The HPCSA 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 guiding 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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