

Media Statement

LOCUM ARRESTED IN LIMPOPO

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For immediate release

Pretoria – The Inspectorate Office under the ambit of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) conducted an inspection where a locum was arrested in the Limpopo province.

On Monday 18 December 2023, the Inspectorate Office during its inspection at the practice of Dr EK Moabelo situated in Senwabarwana arrested a locum by the name of Mr Kitenge Kaboko (a Congolese citizen). During the inspection it was discovered that Mr Kaboko was found practising illegally whilst not registered with the HPCSA and he was also found in possession of a fraudulent HPCSA registration certificate. Mr Kaboko started working for Dr Moabelo in January 2023 to date.

Mr Kitenge Kaboko was arrested and detained at Senwabarwana South African Police Service for Contravention of Section 17(1), Section 40(a) of the Health Professions Act and Fraud. Dr Moabelo will be reported to the Medical and Dental Professions Board for employing an unregistered locum.

The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and encourages community members to be cautious of bogus practitioners and report them to the HPCSA. Registered practitioners must refrain from employing unregistered locums for extended periods as this puts the health and lives of the public at risk. Before an employment is confirmed, practitioners must verify the status of their locum's registration on the HPCSA website under the Search the register or by calling the HPCSA Call Centre on 012 338 9300/1.

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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.

To safeguard the public and guide 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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