
Media Statement

BOGUS PRACTITIONER ARRESTED IN SEBOKENG

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For immediate release

Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office has again arrested a bogus practitioner who has been practising whilst not being registered with Council.

To ensure that the HPCSA, continues to uphold its mandate of protecting the public, the HPCSA Inspectorate Office conducted random inspections in the Sebokeng area, in an effort to ensure that all practitioners operating in the area are registered with Council as per the regulations of the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. During the inspection, it was found that, Mr Kabeya Mushila, a Congolese national, was practising as a doctor whilst not registered with Council.

Mr Mushila was practising at the practice of Dr Lunda, situated at shop no.9A Spar shopping centre in Evaton. However, Dr Lunda is registered with Council. Mr Mushila was arrested for fraud and contravening Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974 as it is a criminal offence to practise whilst not registered with Council. He was detained at the Sebokeng Police Station.

Practitioners registered with Council are encouraged to ensure that they vet the practitioners that they employ to ensure the safety of the public. It is illegal to employ unregistered persons and allow them to treat patients without being registered. Members of the public are urged to be vigilant and report suspected bogus practitioners in their communities.

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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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