
Media Statement

HPCSA CONTINUES TO CLEAN UP THE PROFESSION

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For immediate release

Pretoria –The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is on a continuous mission to maintain its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the profession.

On 23 May 2019, a random inspection was conducted in Cape Town where an unregistered locum, Mr Chinedum Blessing Ahaiwe, a Nigerian citizen, was found practising whilst not registered with the HPCSA. It was discovered that Mr Ahaiwe has been practising as a locum at the practice of Dr Senzo Ntshalintshali for the past two years. Dr Ntshalintshali is registered with the HPCSA and is also alleged to be practising in another practice in Mpumalanga. To this effect, Mr Ahaiwe was arrested at Dunoon Medical Centre in Cape Town and detained at the Tableview Police Station.

The HPCSA is once again emphasising to practitioners the importance of ensuring that the locum practitioners they employ are registered with the HPCSA.

To report any suspicious activities contact the HPCSA Inspectorate Offices on the following numbers:

Pretoria - 012 338 3984

Cape Town - 021 830 5920/21

Durban - 031 830 5294

East London - 043 783 9734/41

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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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