
Media Statement

UNREGISTERED PRACTITIONERS ARRESTED IN DIEPSLOOT

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For immediate release

Pretoria –The Health Professions Council of South Africa’s (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office continued its campaign of clamping down on unregistered practitioners by conducting inspections in Diepsloot to eradicate bogus practitioners.

On August 2019, HPCSA inspectors as well as the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Diepsloot conducted an operation on various doctors’ premises to determine if practitioners operating in the area were practising legally and if they were registered with Council. During the operation the team inspected the offices of Dr Ighodaro, who is a registered practitioner at 160 Aggrey Klaaste Street, Diepsloot. They found Mr Diumu Djamba practising as a doctor while he is unregistered. Mr Djamba was arrested and charged with fraud and contravening Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act. He was detained at the Diepsloot police station as per case number CAS 136/08/2019.

In another inspection also in Diepsloot, police arrested Mr Tshibanda Narcisse Nkeledi who was found practising while not registered with the HPCSA. Mr Nkeledi was found operating as a doctor at a surgery owned by Dr Okhue (who is registered with Council) at 2847 extension 6 corner 1 & 6 in Diepsloot. Mr Nkeledi was arrested and charged with fraud and contravention of Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act; his case number is CAS 137/08/2019. Both Mr Djamba and Mr Nkeledi will appear in court on Monday, 12 August 2019.

The HPCSA is mandated to protect the public and guide the professions through enforcement and compliance from the practitioners in line with the provisions of the Health Professions Act. Illegal practitioners are not only breaking the law, but they are putting the lives of the public at risk. Members of the community are encouraged to report all suspected illegal practices by unregistered persons.

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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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