

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **HPCSA CONTINUING WITH ITS EFFORTS TO CLAMP DOWN ON BOGUS PRACTITIONERS**

**22 February 2021**

**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) continued to demonstrate its commitment by ensuring that the health profession is eradicated of fake practitioners by bringing them to book.

In an operation carried out jointly with the Crime Intelligence Ekurhuleni East and the Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department Eastern Region Task Team, the HPCSA Inspectorate Office received a tip-off regarding the alleged selling of fraudulent medical certificates at the premises of Mr Neo Persyval Magakwe using the details of Dr MS Khanyeza.

Mr Magakwe was arrested and taken into custody at the Tsakane SAPS where he has been charged with fraud and contravention of the Health Professions Act (Act 56 of 1974). He is scheduled to appear in court on Monday, 22 February 2021.

The HPCSA is out in full swing around the country clamping down on any illegal practices by unregistered persons. Council encourages the public to continue to report any suspicious activities to the HPCSA.

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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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