

## Media Statement

### PRACTITIONER ARRESTED FOR THE ISSUING OF FRAUDULENT PDPs

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**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** –The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), its partners in the healthcare sector and members of the law enforcement continue to eradicate the health environment of bogus practitioners, who masquerade as healthcare practitioners.

In November 2020, Council received a complaint regarding a bogus healthcare who was selling Professional Driving Permits (PDPs) in Rossburgh, Durban. After consultation with the South African Police Service (SAPS) and Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), Section 252A was applied and surveillance was conducted to determine the veracity of the complaint. During the operation Miss Pretty Brightness Mkhize, was identified as the person who oversaw the practice along with other persons who she had employed.

It was established that Miss Mkhize, is registered with the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) in the profession of Homeopathy, which is a diagnostic profession registered under the AHPCSA. It was also established that the profession in which she is registered under does not permit the issuing of PDPs.

The suspect was arrested and will appear in court.

The HPCSA is appealing with other professionals outside of the HPCSA to refrain from committing fraudulent activities as this brings the profession of healthcare into disrepute.

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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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