

## Media Statement

**HPCSA Public Awareness Campaign in Potchefstroom**

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**For immediate release**

Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is a statutory body, established to protect the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality healthcare standards for all.

In order to fully discharge its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions, the HPCSA in collaboration with the JB Marks Municipality, the Department of Health, the Department of Social Services and other stakeholders will be hosting a public awareness campaign in Potchefstroom, North West Province. The aim of the public awareness campaign is to educate and engage the public on pertinent health issues affecting them as patients.

The focus of the awareness campaign will be amongst others; to inform the public on the role and responsibilities of the HPCSA; to educate the public in terms of their rights as patients, to outline the Department of Health's complaint management process, to educate the public on the role of mediation in Medical Negligence. Another mandate of Council is to enforce compliance by practitioners in line with the provisions of the Health Professions Act, 1974. This awareness campaign will therefore educate the public on how to identify bogus practitioners and work closely with the HPCSA to root out and report fake practitioners.

Attending the event is the Mayor, Councillor Kgotso Khumalo, Registrar and CEO of the HPCSA, Advocate Khumalo, Acting Primary Healthcare Manager from the Department of Health, Ms Mary Boikanyo.

Details of the event are as follows:

**Venue:** Chris Hani Hall, Potchefstroom, North West Province

**Date:** Thursday, 22 February 2018

**Time:** 10:00 – 13:00

On the day of the event, the following services will be provided:

- HIV Counselling and Testing
- Testing of Diabetes
- Screening of TB
- Testing of Hypertension
- Screening of Mental Health

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### **About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)**

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is a statutory body established in terms of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions and the mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

Council 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 indirectly 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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