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## Media Statement

### HPCSA Public Awareness Campaign in Winterveldt, Tshwane

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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 guide the professions.

In order to fully discharge its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions, the HPCSA in collaboration with the Tshwane Municipality and the Office of the Health Standard Compliance will be hosting a public awareness campaign in Winterveldt, Tshwane. 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
- How to identify bogus practitioners
- To educate the public on the HPCSA complaints process.

The other 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 these fake practitioners.

**Details of the event are as follows:**

**Venue: Multipurpose Community Centre**

**Date: 28 June 2018 (Thursday)**

**Time: 10:00 – 13:00**

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

- HIV Counselling and Testing, Testing of Diabetes and Testing of Hypertension

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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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