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Portfolio Committee on Health Visited Umgeni Hospital



**Portfolio Committee, KZN Health Officials with Umgeni
Hospital Management visiting various areas in the
institution**

Portfolio Committee Visit



On 16 August 2018 the Portfolio Committee on Health from the National Assembly led by its Chairperson Mr. F. Mahlalela and Department of Health dignitaries: Mr. J. Mndebele (Chief Director: District Health Services), Mr. S.T. Mhlongo (Acting Director: Programme Delivery: Infrastructure), Mrs. M. Zuma-Mkhonza (uMgungundlovu: District Director), Dr. Hongo (Director: Mental Health & Substance Abuse) visited Umgeni Hospital. The visit was aimed at assessing the state of readiness for National Health Insurance (NHI) since uMgungundlovu Health District is a pilot district for NHI and Umgeni Specialised Psychiatric Hospital falls within this district.

“The purpose of the visit was to assess health care delivery in the province of KwaZulu–Natal and progress made in piloting the principles of NHI. The oversight visit focused on budget, infrastructure, human resource’ GP contracting, re-engineering of Primary Health Care, emergency services, patient transport and the implementation of National Core Standards”. **Portfolio Committee Secretary**

Miss. Ndlovu (Chief Executive Officer) provided a detailed presentation that highlighted the achievements and challenges of the facility.

It would not be an oversight visit without a “walk-about” to the various service areas, including the wards. The visit to the wards was mainly to observe the care provided to Mental Health Care User’s (MHCUs). The Committee was also interested in other aspects such as: therapy/stimulation activities, laundry services, food provision, medical and emergency equipment as well as generators.

The Committee expressed positive comments with regards to the care provided to Users and praised the Nurses who work tirelessly to provide a service to the kind of Users the hospital admits.



Users singing and dancing for dignitaries; welcoming them into their ward (Ward 3)

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Briefing session on arrival of the Portfolio Committee; conducted by Committee Chairperson:

Mr. F. Mahlalela



Committee Member interacting with the Users

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Mrs. S. Mothilall (Occupational Therapy Technician) explaining the artwork completed by the Users which was also on display at the 2018 Royal Exhibition Show (Pietermaritzburg)



Portfolio Committee visiting the kitchen which is one of the crucial areas in the hospital environment. They were also checking that food items were within dates of expiry.

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Stimulation activity for MHCU's: Pottery



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Evidence of servicing generators was also checked to assess the institution's state of readiness in dealing with emergencies (i.e. unavailability of electricity)





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