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Media Statement - Shooting incident at King Edward VIII hospital

It is with regret that the Department of Health, in KwaZulu-Natal announces a shooting incident at one of its facilities in Durban. On the morning of the 28th February 2013, a shooting incident occurred where it is alleged that an employee of the hospital fatally shot his colleague.

Both criminal and internal investigations are now underway.

The family of the deceased has been informed and counselling services are being rendered by Hospital Psychologists to them and staff members of the hospital. The MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and the Head of Department, Dr Sibongile Zungu have expressed shock and regret about the occurrence and have expressed their heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased.

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