

KZN Health MEC intervenes at Stanger Hospital

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Yesterday, KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo visited Stanger Hospital on a fact-finding mission. This follows several reports in the media about the state of affairs at this institution, which Dr Dhlomo views in a serious light. In this regard, the MEC has now tasked the Department's Deputy Director-General, Mr Mfowethu Zungu, to lead the process of investigating matters raised in the media internally with a view to get to the bottom of them. The outcome of the investigation by the Department will determine the cause of action.

The MEC would like to convey his deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones while being treated at the hospital. Any incident that results in a loss of life is regrettable, irrespective of the circumstances that might have led to it.

Furthermore, the MEC has registered his disquiet that an opposition MPL visited the Stanger Hospital earlier this week without prior consultation with him. Therefore, the MEC will report this matter to the Speaker of the Legislature, as he believes it is out of order.

The MEC will return to Stanger Hospital on Monday to meet the hospital's staff and brief them about his vision for the hospital.

The KZN Department of Health remains committed to upholding the highest standard of health care at all its institutions.

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