

MEDIA STATEMENT

MORE BOGUS PRACTITIONERS ARRESTED

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For immediate release

Pretoria – The Inspectorate Office under the ambit of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), conducted an inspection at the Jackpersad & Partners, situated at Midlands Medical Centre in Pietermaritzburg.

During the inspection it was established that Mr Letshego Mdlelekoa, a radiographer was practising whilst suspended from the HPCSA register. Mr Mdlelekoa has been suspended since 2017 for non-payment of annual fees. The manager at Jackpersad & Partners confirmed that the practitioner has been employed as a radiographer since January 2017.

Mr Mdlelekoa was arrested and appeared in court on Thursday, 10 October 2019 and he was released on bail.

Another operation that was conducted in collaboration with the SAPS in Ekurhuleni at the practice of Mr Alfred Patrick Mosiwa, a dental therapist who is registered with Council. Mr Themba Seshuba was found practising as a dental therapist at Mr Mosiwa's practice, which is situated at 24 Isben House, 3rd street, Springs. Upon investigation, it was discovered that Mr Seshuba was practising using a fraudulent diploma in dental therapy from the University of Zululand.

Mr Seshuba was arrested and taken into custody at the SAPS in Springs.

In an effort to verify various sick notes, the Inspectorate office conducted an inspection in Khayelitsha at the practice of Dr MV Bikitsha who is registered with Council. Dr Pero Emmanuel Ngwashele was found practising at the practise of Dr Bikitsha to which he confirmed that he has a Bachelor of Medicine which he obtained in Congo, however, he is not registered with HPCSA. He was arrested and detained at the Lingeletu – West Police Station and released on bail.

The HPCSA is stern on ensuring that illegal practitioners do not practise and put the lives of the public at risk. The HPCSA is once again warning those practitioners registered with Council to refrain from employing and allowing unregistered practitioners to utilise their practice rooms whilst unregistered with Council as they will be charged for unprofessional conduct.

The HPCSA further warns bogus practitioners to refrain from masquerading as healthcare practitioners as this has dire consequences to the public. The public is also advised of the dangers of consulting with unlicensed practitioners.

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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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