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EC HEALTH MEC WELCOMES HEALTH OMBUDSMAN INVESTIGATION AT TOWER HOSPITAL

BHISHO ----- Eastern Cape MEC for Health, Ms Helen Sauls-August welcomes the investigation conducted by the National Health Ombudsman, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba at Tower mental hospital in the Province.

The health ombudsman met with health management and hospital management this week as part of his investigation. The department fully supports the investigation and will co-operate with it.

“This investigation is important for to the functioning, management of healthcare facilities, particularly those that provide healthcare services to the vulnerable groups. It is important that this investigation is done by an independent, competent person in the stature of the Health Ombudsman. Professor Makgoba has our full support,” MEC Helen Sauls-August said.

“We believe all those working in health sector and those receiving our services are entitled to only the best quality at all times.

We are committed to implementing all findings of the Ombudsman,” Sauls-August concluded.

The department respects the current investigation and will not comment nor release information relating to the Tower Hospital until the conclusion, release of the findings by the National Health Ombudsman.

NB: This statement must be attributed to the Eastern Cape Health MEC, Ms Helen Sauls-August.

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