



**MEDIA STATEMENT
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EASTERN CAPE HEALTH MEC DISTANCES HERSELF FROM FALSE SOCIAL MEDIA CLAIMS

It has come to the attention of the Eastern Cape Department of Health that false and misleading claims are circulating on social media suggesting that the MEC for Health, Honourable Ntandokazi Capa, or members of her family, are involved in an alleged recruitment fraud matter linked to Empilweni TB Hospital in Gqeberha.

The Department wishes to make it unequivocally clear that the individual implicated in this matter is not related to the MEC, nor does the MEC personally know or have any association with this person. The preliminary findings of the investigation have revealed that the individual in question falsely claimed an association with the MEC in an attempt to deceive the victim. These claims are therefore false, malicious, and entirely unfounded.

Following the emergence of the allegations, the Department's Fraud Management Unit initiated an urgent investigation into the matter. The case involves a complaint from a member of the public who was allegedly defrauded through a promise of employment at Empilweni TB Hospital in exchange for payment.

A preliminary report has confirmed that the implicated person is a state employee who fraudulently solicited money under false pretences. Internal disciplinary processes are currently underway, and the matter has been referred to law enforcement authorities for further investigation and possible criminal prosecution. The Department has also escalated the matter to national structures to ensure full accountability and transparency.

The MEC has addressed the issue internally and taken steps to ensure that those responsible face appropriate consequences. In addition to these departmental measures, the MEC has also indicated that she will take personal steps to ensure that this matter is fully and transparently resolved, and that appropriate corrective action is taken.

The Department views this conduct as serious misconduct that undermines public trust and the values of ethical service delivery.

While social media platforms play an important role in information sharing and promoting transparency, the Department cautions against their misuse to circulate unverified claims that can damage reputations and compromise ongoing investigations. The public is encouraged to report suspected corruption through official departmental channels, allowing for proper verification and due process.

The Eastern Cape Department of Health remains firmly committed to clean governance, ethical leadership, and zero tolerance for corruption. Investigations into this matter are ongoing, and the Department will ensure that appropriate corrective action is taken in accordance with the law and public service regulations.

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