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This week, the Eastern Cape Department of Health continued strengthening healthcare delivery through accountability, improved access and quality services.

In Nelson Mandela Bay, the Department focused on health information management and governance, including engagements at Livingstone Tertiary Hospital.



In Mthatha, the Ex-Miners Outreach Programme brought TB and HIV screening, X-rays and other essential services closer to ex-mineworkers and their families.

In O.R. Tambo, St Barnabas Hospital launched the Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy, strengthening early detection and access to screening.

The Department also brought together healthcare professionals, researchers and caregivers to strengthen cerebral palsy management and multidisciplinary care.

Together, we continue building a more accessible, accountable and people-centred health system.



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DATA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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The Eastern Cape Department of Health's HIMS Directorate, hosted a Data Management Workshop for the Nelson Mandela District and Sarah Baartman District Clinicians, Data Managers and Data Capturers.

The workshop focused on strengthening data quality, accountability and reporting, with discussions on the Auditor General South Africa (AGSA) 2025/2026 report, Audit Improvement Plans, and performance reporting.



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ACCOUNTABILITY IN ACTION AT LIVINGSTONE TERTIARY HOSPITAL

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A focused engagement on strengthening systems and improving healthcare delivery took place at Livingstone Tertiary Hospital, following a visit by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA).

The visit provided an opportunity to review progress on areas highlighted through the audit process, with discussions centred on infrastructure maintenance, hospital management appointments and the utilisation of allocated infrastructure budgets. The engagement also highlighted the importance of effective planning, sound governance and the continued strengthening of systems that support the day-to-day delivery of quality healthcare services.

The Department remains committed to addressing identified gaps, implementing corrective measures and working towards sustainable improvements in infrastructure management and service delivery.





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EX-MINERS OUTREACH INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

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This week, the Mthatha Stadium was turned into a mini hospital as the Ex-Miners Outreach Intervention Programme rendered much needed services to those in need, as part of the Thubalethu Programme.

The initiative is part of the Department's commitment of taking healthcare services directly to those in dire need and mostly improving access to care.

Part of the health services rendered to the ex-mine workers and their families on the day included minor ailments, X-rays, TB, HIV screenings and many others.





CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION STRATEGY ST BARNABAS HOSPITAL

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As part of Women's Health Day the O.R Tambo District has launched the Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy at the St Barnabas Hospital.

The strategy was introduced by the Hon President, Cyril Ramaphosa with Health Minister, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi on the 6 May 2026, mainly to prevent cervical and breast cancer and also prevent late detection.

The District started the roll out by going out to communities to find people as a means of early detection, this then necessitated the need for the district to decentralise the service from Tertiary to District hospitals like St Barnabas.





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CEREBRAL PALSY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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The Eastern Cape Department of Health hosted a two-day Cerebral Palsy Management Workshop on 8-9 September 2026 at the Shared Contact Centre in Quigney.

The workshop brought together healthcare professionals from eight disciplines, researchers, officials and caregivers under the theme, “From Research into Action: Turning Evidence and Data into Better Services.”

Discussions focused on strengthening multidisciplinary care, recognizing cerebral palsy as a lifelong condition, improving rehabilitation and assistive-device access, and responding to the experiences of families. The workshop also encouraged participants to translate research and lived experience into practical actions to strengthen services.



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