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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **The Office of Health Standards Compliance welcomes the appointment of Professor Mokoena as the new Health Ombud**

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**Pretoria.** The Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC) welcomes the appointment of Professor Taole Mokoena as the second South Africa's Health Ombud for the seven years with effect from 1 June 2023.

Professor Mokoena, appointed by the Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla succeeds the outgoing Health Ombud, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba.

Having spent extended study and working periods in the United Kingdom and Canada, Professor Mokoena comes with a wealth of experience in academic and research within the health sector. He is a medical graduate of the University of Natal, a Doctor of Philosophy graduate of the University of Oxford and a Fellow from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. He retired as a Professor and Academic Head of Department of Surgery Chief Surgeon from the Department of General Surgery at University of Pretoria and Steve Biko Academic Hospital. He continues on a part-time sessional basis to teach, train, and supervise undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, and research.

The Office of the Health Ombud is located within the Office of Health Standards Compliance, a regulator in healthcare. The office has the responsibility to consider, investigate complaints from the public on non-compliance by health establishments.

The OHSC would like to thank the outgoing Health Ombud, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba for his excellent service and contribution in South Africa's healthcare sector.

The OHSC Board and Staff wishes the newly appointed Health Ombud, Professor Mokoena well in his new journey and looks forward to working with him and providing the necessary support.

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