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MEDIA ADVISORY

TO ALL EDITORS/HEALTH JOURNALISTS

THE HEALTH OMBUD RELEASES INVESTIGATION FINDINGS INTO THE TREATMENT, COMPLICATIONS AND DEATHS OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS IN THE NORTHERN CAPE HOSPITALS

The Health Ombud, Professor Taole Mokoena, will release the findings of an investigation into the treatment, complications, and deaths of psychiatric patients at the Northern Cape Mental Health Hospital and the Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital. This investigation addresses cases involving the death of two patients and inadequate medical care for another.

The investigation was initiated following a complaint lodged by the Honourable Minister of Health, Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi (MP), against the Northern Cape Mental Health Hospital in Kimberley in October 2024.

The media briefing will provide an overview of the investigation's findings, conclusions, and recommendations, allowing for engagement with the media.

Members of the media are invited to the media briefing as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 30 July 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Venue: Ronnie Mamoepa Press Room

**Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS) Tshedimosetso House, 1035,
Cnr Francis Baard and Festival Streets
Hatfield, Pretoria**

The media briefing will be streamed live on the following platforms:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ohscsocialmedia> and
<http://facebook.com/GovernmentZA>

X: <https://twitter.com/OhscSocialmedia> and <http://x.com/GovernmentZA>

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/user/GovernmentZA>

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