ARV Clinic for the initial roll-out of ARV

King Edward VIII Hospital's Philani Family Clinic is to be used as an ARV Clinic following recommendations of the hospital’s ARV Task Team. This after the team held series of meetings where issues concerning the rollout of anti-retroviral drugs were thrashed out.

In an interview with ESAKHANGELA Pharmacy Manager and the leader of the Task Team, Mrs Nirupa Misra said the renovation of the clinic had to be fast-tracked in order to ensure the readiness of the hospital. “The Occupational Health Clinic will be moved out of Philani to the Eye Clinic in order to accommodate Wellness and ARV clinics,” she said. Mrs Misra however pointed out that not everyone would have immediate access to these drugs. “Although we are committed to providing ARVs and comprehensive care to all people living with HIV/AIDS, patients will have to be phased in gradually due to the limited capacity of the institution.”

Mrs Misra further stated that those who do not qualify to get ARVs will be counselled and be given further advise by a nutritionist who will be appointed as part of the project.