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KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SENDS SOS CALL TO RETIRED NURSES

The shortage of skilled healthcare workers has been and still continues to be a challenge for most countries and South Africa is no exception.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has come up with a bold initiative to utilise the skills and the experience of retired nurses. Over the next few days the department will hold meetings with retired nurses throughout the province on how they can assist the department in sharing their skills and experience in improving the quality of health care in public hospitals.

These retired nurses will bring back to the department the wealth of knowledge and expertise that they gained during their nursing careers.

They will also assist in providing support and mentorship, especially to nursing students and nurses who are entering the profession.

By bringing back the retired nurses into the health system, the department also hopes to restore, instil and bring back the culture of ethics and compassion to the profession.

The department is hoping to learn more and get inputs from these nurses on how best the department can go about restoring the dignity of the nursing profession and meeting its mandate providing a continuous, caring and compassionate health service to the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

On Monday, 24 April the department will hold a meeting with retired nurses from Pietermaritzburg and the surrounding areas. The meeting will be held at Grey's hospital Nurses Hall at 09H00. On Tuesday, the department will move to eThekweni District and the meeting will take place at the Royal Hotel in Durban from 10H00.

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