

Surprise hospital visit : MEC Dhlomo finds Charles Johnson Memorial hospital "*spick and span*"

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KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has expressed his satisfaction after surprising the management and staff of Charles Johnson Memorial (CJM) Hospital in Nquthu with an unannounced visit this morning.

MEC Dhlomo was en-route to the official opening of Inkosi Thathezekhe Clinic in Nquthu 10km away, when he decided to make a turn at CJM Hospital.

"It is very encouraging to get to the hospital and find hard working, dedicated, and smiling staff members. The patients themselves are satisfied and smiling. I was also happy to see that doctors are seeing patients and referring them accordingly," said MEC Dhlomo.

CJM Hospital is a 24 hour level 1 District and baby-friendly hospital, with 385 beds, under Umzinyathi District. It serves a population of about 154,042 from the Nquthu sub-district, and has 14 clinics under it, as well as a nursing college sub-campus.

A delighted MEC Dhlomo said: *"The hospital is spotless, patients are happy, the nurses are working, of course under some pressures, but it's very encouraging to see that the hospital is doing well, and the staff is hard-working and ready to deliver the best – even when no-one is watching. I commend this hospital for its good leadership and the work that they're doing."*