

KZN Health's bold new plan to reduce HIV infections, substance abuse and create a health system that is responsive to adolescent and youth health services

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Media Invitation

Dear Media Colleague,

You are cordially invited to attend the KwaZulu-Natal Adolescent and Youth Health Programme Stakeholders Forum, which takes place at Blue Waters Hotel in Durban tomorrow (Tuesday, 24 April 2018) and on Wednesday.

At this Forum, KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo will give an indication on the progress made in the implementation of the Adolescent and Youth Health Policy (AYHP). One of the objectives of the AYHP is to accelerate effective health promotion among young people in South Africa, and to design and implement health programmes and services that enhance the health and wellbeing of young people.

Among the key deliverables of the AYHP are to ensure:

- Removal of barriers to service access
- Increased uptake of comprehensive health services by adolescents and youth
- Improved health status of adolescents and youth
- Decrease of new HIV infections, substance abuse and other social ills amongst adolescents and youth
- Decrease of teenage pregnancy (deliveries under 18)

At the Stakeholders Forum, MEC Dhlomo will be joined by officials from the Department's Youth, Gender and Transformation Unit and other notable stakeholders in the health sector.

Details of this gathering as follows:

- Date: 24 April 2018
- Venue: Blue Waters Hotel
- Time: MEC Dhlomo will be at the venue between 09h00 and 11h30

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