

TAC Limpopo state of healthcare report - Summary of demands:

1.a. We demand the release of the provinces Human Resources for Health (HRH) plan before end November this year. This plan should include a comprehensive list of current vacancies.

1.b. We demand that all vacant posts be filled in the next financial year and that the employment of nurses and doctors is prioritised in the 2018/19 financial year.

2.a. We demand an urgent, fully-funded, plan to address infrastructural issues at the 17 facilities identified above. We demand to see this plan before the end of November this year. We expect the MEC and the Premier to make this a priority and to ensure the funds are made available.

3.a. We demand that the Limpopo Department of Health carries out a full audit of all public health facilities in the province to assess whether sufficient TB infection control measures are in place.

3.b. We demand that masks and TB posters are distributed to all facilities by end November this year. Spot-checks should be undertaken to ensure these are utilised.

3.c. We further demand that by end November this year a circular is sent to all facilities to ensure that all patients are triaged to ensure those with TB symptoms are seen first to avoid the risk of transmitting to other patients.

3.d. Finally, where infrastructural issues mean that public facilities are too small creating a TB risk factor, a turnaround strategy must be developed to outline how this will be rectified by end of February 2018.

4.a. We demand an urgent provincial strategy to address the continued and ongoing stockouts and shortages of medicines and other medical tools and supplies – this plan must address the impact of human resource shortages and poor management where these impact on the ability of facilities to order supplies.

4.b. We demand the resolution of the ongoing shortage of HIV testing kits in the province to ensure that all health facilities have access to sufficient quantities of kits by end November this year.

5.a. We demand an immediate intervention at the Akaya psycho-social rehabilitation project with evidence of this intervention by end November this year.

5.b. We demand that the province provides us with a detailed list of all mental health facilities in the province and a report on the human resource and infrastructural state of these facilities. We demand to see this report by end February 2018.

5.c. We demand the development of specialist care centres that provide dignified care and support services to people with mental illness and learning disabilities.

6.a-e. We demand answers to the five cancer-related questions noted in section 6 above.

7.a. We demand an audit report of the functionality of clinic committees and hospital boards by end February 2018.