

NORTH WEST LEGISLATURE TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA 2017

On Friday, 9 November 2018, the North West Provincial Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development will be conducting public hearings on National Public Health Institute of South Africa 2017 at Mabule Community Hall in Mabule; Khuma Community Hall in Khuma; Reivilo Community Hall in Reivilo and Brits White Hall in Brits at 10h00.

The National Public Health Institute of South Africa Bill seeks to establish a single national public entity to provide public health services to the country that performs critical public health functions and that requires a high level of coordination across functions, such as surveillance and research; restructure and transform the public health sector to provide evidence-based leadership and public health services, and to serve as focal point for the efforts to protect and improve health; and to develop policies that will enable the single national public health entity to provide public health functions and services nationally. The objective of the bill is to also provide for the establishment of the National Public Health Institute of South Africa in order to coordinate, and where appropriate to conduct, disease and injury surveillance; to provide for specialized public health services, public health interventions, training and research directed towards the major health challenges affecting the population of the Republic; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Relevant stakeholders have been invited to attend the public hearing.

Members of the media are invited to attend the public hearings and can contact Namhla Luhabe on 079 527 0628 for further information.

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