



WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – NEWSFLASH

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ACTING DEPUTY-DIRECTOR-GENERAL: DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

Dr Joey Cupido will act in the position of Deputy-Director-General: District Health Services and Programs until the post has been filled.

OUTREACH & SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE WESTERN CAPE

A revised policy for Outreach & Support Services for the Western Cape has been developed and is effective immediately. The aim of the revised policy is to establish a strengthened seamless system of healthcare delivery in line with Healthcare 2010 by ensuring an efficient and effective system of outreach and support and to replace Circulars H42/2003 and H137/2004. For more detail on this policy refer to Circular H1 of 2006.

HEALTH LANGUAGE UNIT

It is provincial policy that all documentation be printed and communicated in all 3 official languages, English, Afrikaans and IsiXhosa. For this reason a new Language Liaison Services Unit has been established in the Directorate Communications of the Department. Previously translations had to be outsourced but the unit has been up and running since December 2005. This service is available to all health officials for translation of official documentation. The person who will be supervising the unit is Chief Language Practitioner, Ms Fikiswa Magqashela. Should you require any translations done into Afrikaans or Xhosa contact her on (021) 483 5516 or e-mail fmagqash@pgwc.gov.za.

STAFF INDABAS AND FACILITY VISITS

Professor Househam, Head of the Western Cape Department of Health will once again embark on official staff Indaba's or facility visits. His first scheduled visit will be to Villiersdorp on 22 February 2006. Various members of the department's top management team will also accompany the HOD on these visits to engage with staff, face-to-face on various issues.

RED CROSS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (RXCH) TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

The SA Red Cross Society donated the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital to the Provincial Administration of the Cape of Good Hope in 1956. The first patients were admitted on 18 June 1956. The hospital will be celebrating its' 50th year of existence in June 2006. RXCH has tended to sick children from all over the Western Cape and hopes to be around for another 50 years. Plans are underway to celebrate this momentous occasion. Watch this space for more detail.

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