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Media Statement
RE: Esidimeni Inquest Judgement Announcement

This has been a long, heartbreaking and difficult process for everyone involved and especially the affected families. It is our hope that they may find solace and closure as they come to terms with the outcome.

The Esidimeni tragedy and today’s judgment should make us all reflect on how our healthcare stakeholders can work together to bring about systemic reform that prioritises the needs of the most vulnerable patients in our society.

We would advocate for and support a review of how healthcare services for these vulnerable patients are provided, so that we embed best practice and the highest standards of patient care.

To do this we should utilise the strengths and draw on the perspectives of the entire healthcare community, in particular the NPOs, healthcare professionals, public and private providers, vulnerable patients and their families, and civil society groups.

From this tragedy must come a better system and a renewed commitment to place quality patient care at the centre of healthcare.

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