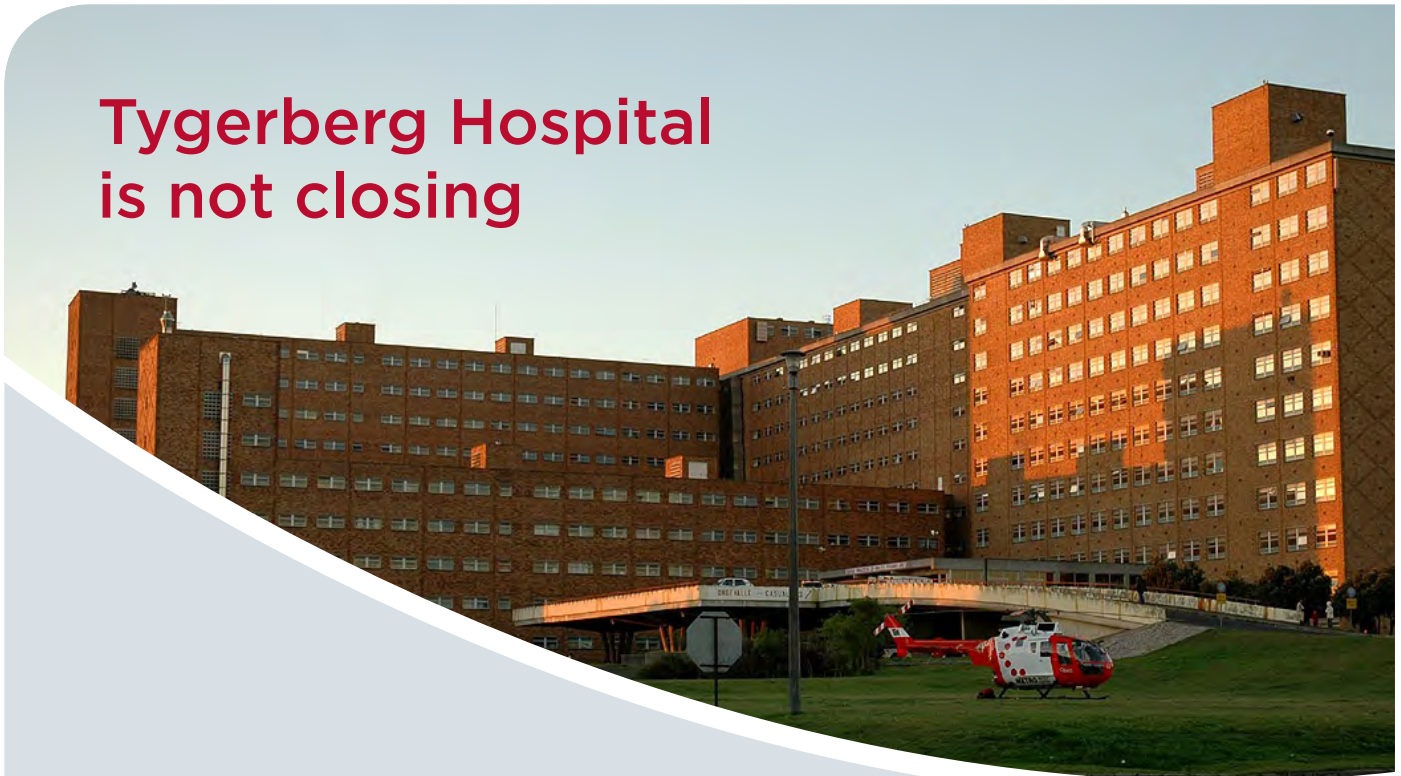




## Tygerberg Hospital is not closing



### Dear Colleagues

The various media reports recently published insinuating that Tygerberg Hospital must close, as reported from the Health Portfolio committee presentation of 6 June, is misleading and may lead to confusion and public panic.

**Western Cape Government Health would like to clarify that under no circumstances is Tygerberg Hospital closing.**

Thousands of patients and 4000 staff rely on this hospital, including prospective doctors, nurses and a number of health workers who are trained on the premises. This is evident in that Tygerberg Hospital admitted 66 200 patients and treated 309 816 outpatients during 2017/18. The Hospital is a strategic and crucial part in our health system and is earmarked for replacement not closure.

Since Tygerberg Hospital is currently functioning as a Tertiary (and academic) hospital and a regional hospital, replacing it will require two projects: the new Tygerberg Central Hospital and the new Tygerberg Regional Hospital.

The replacement process has two processes which run concurrently: one long term and another shorter term.

### **The long term process:**

The new Tygerberg Central Hospital is a mega project in conjunction with the National Department of Health (NDoH). We are interfacing with National Treasury and NDoH for funding. Due to it being a mega-project, we hope to have jumped through all the loops to commence with design and building phases in 2023.

The new Tygerberg Regional hospital Business Case was submitted to the NDoH for approval.

### **The short term process:**

While we are still operating the current hospital infrastructure of Tygerberg, we need to maintain it in the best possible condition. Recent maintenance projects include the replacement of water and fire reticulation, work on the sewer system, mechanical work on various systems, lift upgrades and theatre upgrades. The Department is mindful of the financial burden of high cost maintenance. However, this needs to be continued while we work in tandem with our National colleagues, to ensure a long term replacement of the old infrastructure.

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