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MEDIA STATEMENT

BHISHO — The Eastern Cape Department of Health wishes to reassure members of the public that it continues to provide medical care to the young girl from Qumbu.

Unfortunately, we are not at liberty to disclose the medical condition of the patient. However, suggestions that have been put in the public domain alleging that the patient is complicated as a result of vaccination are untrue.

The misrepresentation of facts are a great concern as the child in question has been receiving care at our facilities.

Though the department cannot comment extensively on the patient in question because of confidentiality — nor disclose what treatment she is receiving — it is important to note that she has been receiving care at Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital in Mthatha and Frere Hospital in East London.

The teams in both institutions are managing her condition, with progress reported to the patient and the family after each session.

The child is a priority for the department. This is despite the social media posts that seek to portray the department as having neglected her.

She is being seen and managed by a team of specialists. The patient and her family will continue being kept abreast of developments.

We want to caution people against making unfounded claims on social media without verification.

At the same time, the department welcomes interest shown by the people of the Eastern Cape in ensuring our citizens get the best possible care at all times.

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