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## Limpopo Government Concerned About Keloid Patient Refusing Treatment

The Limpopo Provincial Government is aware of and concerned about a patient from Fetakgomo/Tubatse in Sekhukhune who has been suffering from a keloid for an extended period. Despite the government's concerted efforts to encourage this person to receive necessary medical and surgical treatment, government has faced persistent obstacles.

The Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has voiced strong concerns regarding the portrayal of the government's intentions in this matter. She emphasised that the indignation expressed by the patient and his supporters is misleading, presenting a false narrative that the government is unwilling to assist.

"We have made various efforts to persuade this individual to come to the hospital for treatment," stated Premier Dr Ramathuba. "We recently directed the MEC for Health, Ms Dieketseng Mashego, to locate the patient and facilitate his admission to one of our top hospitals. Unfortunately, officials have encountered ongoing refusals from the patient to accept the assistance we are offering."

Furthermore, the Premier warned those who are exploiting this situation: "We want to caution individuals especially those within the profession who knows that what they are doing it's unethical and against the Hippocratic Oath. There are some who are profiting from this individual's distress by pushing him away from receiving free and available treatment. We have the necessary expertise to manage his condition and are committed to providing the best care possible."

The provincial government is prepared to explore legal avenues to protect the patient and ensure that his plight is not misused for private or unethical gains. Government's priority remains the health and well-being of Limpopo residents and will not tolerate any exploitation of vulnerable individuals.

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