

Dear Prof Stellenberg,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to share the results of an MPS survey on the impact of a HPCSA investigation on practitioners' mental wellbeing, and our recommendations on how this impact could be reduced.

Our survey had over 200 responses from doctors who have been investigated by the HPCSA. 78% said that their investigation had a detrimental impact on their mental health and 83% that the investigation had caused them stress and anxiety and 61% said it had had a detrimental impact on their mental health. Most worryingly, 11% said they experienced suicidal thoughts during the investigation.

You can view the key findings and recommendations via this link:

<https://www.medicalprotection.org/medicalprotection.org/southafrica/about-mps/policy-and-public-affairs/hpcsa-investigations>.

Sadly, these results are not a surprise to us from our experience of representing members during a HPCSA investigation, and I suspect they are not a surprise to you either.

We have had constructive conversations with the HPCSA and hope this work can lead to positive improvements.

If you would like to discuss the results of the survey and how progress can be made in reforming professional regulation please do not hesitate to contact my colleagues Alasdair and David in CC and they can arrange a meeting in the next few weeks.

Best wishes,

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