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City launches Eldorado Park Community Based Substance Abuse Treatment Centre

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As part of Youth Month, the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councillor Herman Mashaba and Dr Mpho Phalatse, Member of the Mayoral Committee for Health and Social Development, invite you to the official opening of the Eldorado Park Community Based Substance Abuse Treatment Centre.

The centre is the second of the five that will be rolled out by the City in this financial year. As part of the Integrated Substance Abuse Strategy, the City of Johannesburg's Health and Social Development Departments adopted a Community Based Model as advocated for by Chapter 5 of the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse, Act No. 70 of 2008. This model advocates for the provision of treatment and psycho-social, as well as medical services within the community environment in a registered facility. It also requires that a centre be established or that an existing facility and infrastructure, including primary health care centres, be utilized to provide integrated community-based treatment programmes.

For these reasons, there was a great need for the establishment of Community Based Rehabilitation Substance Abuse Treatment Centres to compliment services rendered by both private and state-owned rehabilitation centres due to their inaccessibility and unaffordability to our indigent residents. It is important to note that institutionalization should be a last resort as work with individuals, families and communities should be strengthened

The event details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 05 June 2018

Venue: Eldorado Park Clinic, 59 Boundary Road, Eldorado Park Ext 9

Time: 10:00-12:00

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