

R10m needed for clinic

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THE health department in the province says it needs a whopping R10m to revamp a local clinic in Heidedal that has been closed.

The clinic was shut three years ago after the health standard compliance team of the World Health Organisation said it did not meet the required health standards.

Health MEC Butana Komphela said the clinic had since been vandalised because it was disused.

He said a security guard had been deployed at the building to prevent further vandalism as the structure was only left with a wall with no roof, window frames or door frames.

“It was closed after we received the report that it had to be rebuilt as many people will be affected,” Komphela said.

“The rebuild is not our responsibility but that of the department of public

works and they are the ones who took their time until the building was vandalised.”

He said the department planned to build a new clinic in the area.

“The clinic has been closed for more than three years and the estimated budget to have it rebuilt is close to R10m, it can’t be less than that because we need a state of the art clinic.

“So I am pleading to our people to bear with us as we are putting together our programme to build a clinic for them.”

He said most of the people raised the issue of the clinic during the imbizo at Kaizer Sebothelo Stadium in Botshabelo near Bloemfontein.

During the imbizo yesterday, Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi and Social Development Minister Bathabile Dlamini also elaborated on other health-related issues.

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