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RESIDENTS of Itsoseng township in North West are against the demolition of Thusong Hospital.

This after the North West Department of Health shut down the hospital last year and plans to demolish it are underway.

According to North West health spokesman Tebogo Lekgethwane, the hospital was built on dolomitic land, which put the lives of patients at risk.

“We are aware of this group of people who are against the closure and the demolition of the hospital. They claim to have proof that there is no dolomite. However, we have proof that the soil is dolomitic. We also have records of having maintained the building, yet the building keeps cracking,” he said.

Lekgethwane said Itsoseng Community Health Centre (CHC) has the capacity to treat patients that were serviced by Thusong Hospital.

“The services at Itsoseng CHC and General Delarey Hospital, which is in Lichtenburg, are now being expanded. The General Delarey Hospital can accommodate the services, which were rendered at Thusong Hospital,” he said.

Lekgethwane said Thusong Hospital will be demolished after being handed over to the North West Department of Public Works.

Meanwhile, the pressure group opposed to the demolition of the hospital has threatened to go to the Constitutional Court to prevent the department from demolishing the facility. The Reclaim Thusong Hospital Committee chairwoman, Babey Makgele-dise, rejected the department’s claims that the hospital is built on uninhabitable land.