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## **BABIES SWAPPED AT KATLEHO DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

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The Free State Department of Health hereby responds to the allegation of swapping of babies at Katleho Hospital in Virginia as reported in the Volksblad earlier.

It is confirmed that the incident took place as reported. The Department, however, managed to unite the babies with their real parents after DNA tests were done within 12 hours of the incident. Necessary precautionary tests and preventive treatment has been administered to the babies to ensure that their wellbeing is not compromised. We are pleased to report that there have not been any negative effects to the affected babies.

The families have been counselled and supported to deal with the incident. Internal disciplinary measures have been initiated towards the involved personnel and measures will be reinforced to prevent similar incidents in all our facilities.

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