



# PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

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From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council

To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/ Departments

## Breast and Cervical Cancers: Screening for Female Public Officers

Health indicators reveal that there is a shift in the pattern of non - communicable diseases, in particular breast and cervical cancers which are two forms of cancers very common among women worldwide. Latest trends in Mauritius indicate that cervical cancer is becoming an important issue in non - communicable diseases epidemiology. Malignant neoplasm of uterus represents about 3% of death among women in Mauritius. Hence, the ultimate objective in the control of any form of cancer is **primary prevention** and **early detection**.

2. In view of the above, the Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) under its health promotion programme with the collaboration of the Non - Communicable Disease Department of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life is organising **free** breast and cervical cancers screening for public officers.

- The screening is meant for female public officers only.
- The screening will be carried out by female doctors.
- In case of abnormalities, the Ministry of Health and Quality of life would direct such cases to relevant Departments for appropriate follow-up.
- The results of the screening will be confidential.

3. The opening screening session will be held at the Sir Harilal Vaghjee Memorial Hall. The remaining sessions will be carried out at the seat of the Council at 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, ATOM House, 16<sup>th</sup> Royal Street Port Louis and Civil Service House, Gymkhanna, Vacoas. In case of many applications from a particular region/ department, screening sessions may be arranged at venues nearest to participants' workplace. In that aspect a schedule of appointments will be worked out based on the number of applicants and all applicants will be informed accordingly.

4. Interested public officers are requested to fill in the enclosed application form and submit same to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, ATOM House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis by **Friday 08<sup>th</sup> July 2016** at latest. Participants should also attach photocopy of recent payslip and national identity card.

5. It would be appreciated if the contents of this circular could be brought to the attention of all public officers serving in your Ministry/ Department/ Division. A copy thereof is also posted on the Council's website: <http://powc.govmu.org>. Please feel free to contact the undersigned for any additional information.

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