PROFILE

Dr Keith Cloete Head of Department Western Cape Government: Health

Dr Cloete was appointed as Head of Health for the Western Cape Government on 1 April 2020.

Dr Keith Cloete was appointed as DDG: Chief of Operations for Western Cape Government: Health, effective 1 March 2015. He was the Chief Director for Metro District Health Services since 2007 and prior to that, the Director: HIV/ AIDS/ STI and TB since 2003.

He is a qualified medical doctor and has worked as a medical officer at various health facilities in the Western Cape Government: Health from 1989 to 1996, and as a Chief Medical Officer in Public Health Programmes in the Cape Metro Region from 1996 to 2003.

He has extensive experience of working in the Western Cape Public Health sector in many different capacities over the past 26 years. He is a founding member of Western Cape Reference Group for Health Promoting Schools and is involved in numerous inter-sectorial initiatives which address a wide range of issues affecting the health of communities in the Cape Metropole, including hygiene and sanitation projects in various informal settlement communities.

Since 2017 he has been closely involved with the Whole of Society Approach (WoSA) on behalf of the Western Cape Government: Health, a multi-sectoral approach across the Provincial Departments for collaborative action across all spheres of government and sectors, guided by a shared purpose to impact meaningfully on the lives of citizens.

He has been involved in a range of leadership interventions towards a more resilient and people-centred Department, as part of a collective learning journey.

Dr Keith Cloete's qualifications include a MBChB degree at the University of Cape Town, a Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health (SA), the Oliver Tambo Fellowship and a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management (with distinction) and a range of short-courses.