

Goodwood

Goodwood, a previously coloured community, became predominantly white during the Apartheid group areas act. Today, it is still 75% white, with 19% coloured and 5% black African inhabitants. The area is well developed and relatively wealthy with the majority of households having a middle to high income and a low unemployment rate of approximately 7%. There are many schools in the area and attendance is high. More recently, drugs have become an issue for the youth in addition to teenage pregnancies and TOPs (Termination of Pregnancy) among young teenagers. In the area of Goodwood where there are informal shack settlements, the rates of tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS are significantly higher than in the rest of Goodwood.

Goodwood Clinic

The clinic in Goodwood is a dual building with a provincial day hospital on one side and a city clinic on the other. Rochelle works at the city clinic, which specializes in the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and TB.

The clinic handles about 400 clients a day, with about 300 getting tested for HIV monthly. At least one patient tests positive for HIV per week. The staff includes four professional nurses in the clinic from 7:00 to 16:30, Monday to Friday. Common issues handled in the clinic are schizophrenia, anxiety, sick babies, hypertension, TB, HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.