Annex II

Doctors told to give injured workers enough leave

Manpower and Health ministries send out reminder; SMC probing some of the complaints

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The Manpower and Health ministries have acted on complaints that some injured workers are getting too little medical leave from doctors because their bosses want to avoid reporting workplace accidents.

Now all doctors here have been reminded to give injured workers the days off they deserve and warned of the consequences if they fail to do so.

The Singapore Medical Council (SMC) is investigating some of the complaints, director of medical services K. Satku and commissioner for workplace safety and health Ho Siong Hin said in a joint letter sent out last month.

They did not provide details, but groups helping foreign workers told The Sunday Times they see a steady stream of injured workers who seek help after getting too few days off from private doctors

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