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## **UCT's response to anonymous tweets**

The University of Cape Town (UCT) notes with serious concern an alleged sexual assault incident raised through a series of anonymous tweets.

Although no specific details have been provided, the university reasonably understands from some of the information shared through the tweets that this is in relation to an ongoing matter that is being jointly addressed by specific departments in government, in collaboration with UCT. The independent investigation must be allowed to conclude.

With this understanding, UCT can state that:

- the university is aware that the allegation of sexual misconduct is being investigated by SAPS. The Western Cape Government (WCG) Health is also conducting investigations around this matter.
- The student has been offered support available at the university and/or referrals to relevant external organisations. The student is at liberty to choose not to use these services.
- the alleged perpetrator is a joint staff member between WCG Health and UCT, in a relationship governed by a bilateral agreement.
- UCT does not and has not paid any legal fees for anyone involved in this or any other legal case.

UCT is not at liberty to discuss this further in the public domain but can state that the matter is being dealt with and reviewed by the relevant and appropriate independent investigation panels.

***ENDS***

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