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Police presence at NHH following arrival of victim of crime – Hospital is open, secure, and there is no risk to staff or patients

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, March 24, 2020 — Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is working with Cobourg Police Services following the arrival of a victim of a crime-related shooting at the NHH Emergency Department earlier today. The victim was dropped off at NHH for treatment and hospital staff alerted Police.

The crime did not occur at NHH. Police have advised that the location of the shooting is unknown at this time. The hospital is open, secure and there is no risk to staff or patients.

Uniformed police officers have been temporarily stationed at the Emergency Entrance, Front (Main) Entrance and the staff entrance to reassure both the public and the hospital team. NHH's Dialysis/Cancer and Supportive Care entrance is currently locked and staffed by NHH Security to support patient entry.

Police presence will continue at the main hospital site through the day and early evening as a precaution. Please refer to the media release issued by Cobourg Police Services for further details related to the investigation of this case.

"We thank Cobourg Police Services and NHH security for their support. The NHH team is here and ready to support all who need acute care," said Linda Davis, President and CEO.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter @NorHillsHosp.

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