



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

## NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Update#3 (9:00 AM) – Emergency Department back in normal service following serious incident involving a weapon on Friday evening (October 27)**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Saturday, October 28, 2017**—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) has now resumed normal service in its Emergency Department.

Due to a serious incident within the NHH Emergency Department late Friday evening, incoming patients were temporarily redirected to other area hospitals. Care in all other areas of NHH was not affected.

As previously communicated there is no danger to the public or to staff. All current patients, caregivers, staff and police personnel are safe and patients are receiving care as appropriate.

“I want to thank our staff, physicians, security and our local police services for their fast and professional response. NHH’s Employee Assistance Provider has been on site through the night providing support. We recognize incidents such as this have a significant emotional impact on our team and we will continue to provide support as long as necessary.”

Due to the ongoing investigation NHH is unable to comment on the specifics of what occurred in the Emergency Department. All inquiries related to the police investigation may be directed to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) c/o media contact Jason Gennaro at 647-981-9869 or [Jason.gennaro@ontario.ca](mailto:Jason.gennaro@ontario.ca).

As we support our team through this difficult time, NHH will also continue to work with police on the ongoing investigation as required. See [nhh.ca](http://nhh.ca) for updates.

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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 more than 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](http://www.nhh.ca) or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).