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**Pressures continue at Northampton's hospitals**

Kettering General Hospital and Northampton General Hospital continue to experience extremely high numbers of attendees at their Accident and Emergency departments.  People reporting to the A&E department with minor injuries and ailments are being warned they face longer waits than normal as more serious cases are prioritised, and are being urged to use alternative NHS services where appropriate such as NHS 111, pharmacies, alongside seeing their GP in the normal way. The Corby Urgent Care should only be used if their condition cannot be seen by a GP or pharmacist and is clearly very serious.

Both hospitals continue to see large numbers of people who are acutely ill and need high priority hospital care. As a result, teams across the counties hospitals are under significant pressure in meeting this demand.

Plans are being put in place and staff are working really hard to ensure that all those people coming into hospital who need help get the care they need in a timely way.

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