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It is with a heavy heart that we have heard the news that our local Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Community hospital is to close its inpatient beds. Whilst we understand and appreciate the significant financial pressures that have forced our local CCG to make this decision, it is none the less a very sad day for our local community.

We would like to thank all those who have taken part in the consultation process including the CCG but in particular those who live within our community who have been interested and motivated enough to ensure all our local voices were heard and considered. Many of you will have been patients at the hospital or had family or friends who have been, and we thank you for your kind words that have been expressed in this process about the care you have received at the hospital.

Most importantly this is a time to thank all the highly dedicated staff, both employed and voluntary; nurses, healthcare assistants, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, mental health staff, administrative support staff, cooks, domestic staff and many others too numerous to mention, past and present.

We now have to look to the future and will be working with the new model of care to continue to try to give the best possible care to all our patients. There will be new challenges in embracing any new process but hope that with your support we can achieve this.

We also very much hope that the goodwill and support of the people of Ashburton and Buckfastleigh will be retained and that we can work together for the benefit of our community.

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