

Comments

What are your feelings on the closure of health services in Driffield?
I am very disappointed and don't understand the logic
It shouldn't be closed
Another reason to move out of Driffield
The current vaccination campaign has shown the utility of Alfred Bean: its accessibility via walking from the town centre or via public transport or taxi, its parking capacity and it being an existing health resource that does not have to be created from scratch. The alternatives require significant travel to elsewhere, particularly by vulnerable people and/or people with no access to their own transport.
Disgraceful
A sad day. Especially as the town grows there is a need for local health services. Surely the Covid crisis has emphasised this.
The population of Driffield is growing and the Alfred Bean is a great asset.
I'm 62 and had a stroke I needed the hospital I don't drive but could get a bus to Alfred bean this hospital is very much needed in these challenging time
From what I have seen this is a well positioned medical facility which is wanted and needed by the residents of Driffield.
not enough of them . the population of driffield is growing and we do not have enough health services as it is.
Upset and angry. The population of Driffield is growing due to the number of new properties being built and important services are being cut. Also causes the need for transport to travel longer distances to health services especially as some of us are unable to drive.
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having seen all the new housing going on in Driffield we should have our own hospital to cover in influx of new people moving into the town.
If we require any car we have to travel to Beverley or Bridlington being the nearest !.
We need some urgent treatment availability.
Sad. The Alfred Bean and the staff who work there are wonderful. It is a community hospital for the community. Losing it is another loss to our ever expanding community . The council are allowing thousands of new homes in Driffield and nearby but removing these vital services. We are a family of three and we have all been so fortunate to have used the Alfred Bean. It is so convenient and saves worrying journeys further afield when unwell. For our older residents who find it harder to travel further from home, losing this local service will be so much worse. If those that make these decisions really care about our community, they would fight to keep it open.
It's very disappointing that services are so inadequate.
It's a sell out of rural services! The town and surrounding area is growing unbelievably quickly and health services should be increased here not closed!
Extremely sad to see a cut in health services in a perfectly convenient and serviceable building at a time when the population of Driffield is growing rapidly due to many new housing estates being built and long travelling distances to alternative health services especially for the elderly.
The closure of the health services is a great loss. With all the new houses built and planned there will be an increased need and keeping services local will help take pressure off the larger hospitals and also cut down on patients needing to travel further afield for treatment which is not always easy.
It seems a very single minded attitude with no thought for future requirements of any of the population of this ever growing town. Not everyone can drive to appointments out of town and with what has happened this past 12 months should not be relying on others to attend. We need a local medical hub offering services to our ever growing community.
All these closures go against what the white isomer written by Lord Darzi in the early 2000's set out: to bring services nearer to all patients and make it accessible for all. Ie, using small, cottage hospitals as bases for multiple services and reduce health inequality in rural areas. They shut Hornsea which was a mistake (I worked there and also Beverley Westwood) so patients in surrounding villages now rely on transport and other infrastructure to get them to local towns and cities to access services which once used to be in their doorstep. This is never a good thing.
The decision making to reduce services was shrouded in confusion and miss truths and was a profoundly poor public relations exercise
distressingly handled. It was cynically politically motivated and wilfully ignored the heart felt feelings of local people. It betrayed the best health care interests of the local community.
In its former life as a community style hospital with its minor injuries unit and beds run by both GP practices, and inpatient beds providing convalescent care and hospice facilities and an over arching range of outpatient clinics it was a exemplary example of how first class care could - and should - be provided to a community.
It's downgrading is seen as a stain on the conscience of the NHS planners involved, and will never be forgiven or forgotten by the local community.
The Trust who owns the building has a purpose for the building that they are not sharing. They bought it to make money not to give care to the community.
With a growing population in Driffield as well as an ageing one asking people to travel to Bridlington, Beverley, Hull or Scarborough is ridiculous especially if COVID is around longer
A lot of people rely on these services and the town is only getting bigger. Keep the hospital!
I have been disgusted that over the past 25 to 30 years various bodies have been watering down the facilities at Alfred Bean. It is a great asset and should be extended not wasted and given up.
With all the new houses being built in the area it's ridiculous removing all the services of the Alfred Bean. When I was incapacitated after breaking my hip it was far easier getting transport to a nearby hospital rather than having to travel to Hull, Bridlington or Scarborough.
For a growing town and surrounding area, the town needs an UTC minimum. I have used Driffield in the past for X-rays, urgent treatment for myself and child and now having to go over 10 miles or 20 minutes is too far.
Driffield is a growing town. We need to keep this facility for the community.
We are a small town that would benefit from keeping ABH including minor injuries. Driffield services the surrounding area and the closure of health services provides challenges and barriers to the community including having to travel to hull, york or Scarborough for hospital appointments or the need for minor injuries when ABH could be a health hub for the community - could it not house our community GPs?
Absolute disgrace.
We need to keep our hospital more so if we don't drive
The loss of health services in Driffield is a definite backward move, especially as the town is expanding by several thousand new homes, adjacent to this site.
Driffield is an ever growing town with more houses being built. It needs the facilities to help accommodate the growth.
Very sad we have a lot of houses being built in this area and feel that the GP surgeries are being inundated with patients who could utilise the minor injuries department of the hospital. What a waste of nhs money to not utilities a perfectly good building to help the community.
I feel there are insufficient resources for the fast growing town . Doctors, Dentists etc are bursting at the seams and people are suffering because of it. Alfred Bean was always busy when I attended and that was before the new housing estates were built. It was a very important resource for Driffield which was well used
I'm disgusted
It couldn't have happened at a worse time as the town is expanding and doesn't not have great transport links to the hospitals that are now available for local people that don't drive to be able to access easily.
I don't want to see the hospital shut down, it has provided care for so many local people who now would have to travel 20-60 minutes for an appointment at Bridlington or Hull.
Disappointed as all my family play sports in Driffield and have used the services. My father is elderly and I have to drive 17miles to pick him up and then drive to hull hospitals. If Driffield had facilities he could take a taxi.
It is a service that is needed and is vital to reduce the pressure on the main hospitals.
I think the closure of Alfred Bean would be a disservice to our local community and would only have a negative impact. The only reason I can see for closing the hospital is to cut costs, but actually it could end up costing the NHS more as the hospital and staff provide essential services to our local community. This frees up larger hospitals, such as Hull Royal Infirmary, to deal with more serious cases such as covid 19 patients.
Driffield and surrounding areas growing rapidly.
Always friendly helpful staff at Alfred Bean Hospital when had to attend previously.
A lot of people can't drive, find it difficult to get to other hospitals.
Sad to see a local, well needed hospital not used at it should be.
Using Alfred Bean hospital to its full potential will help ease pressure on other hospitals.
Virtually impossible to see or speak to Doctors in Driffield, surely could combine something at the Alfred Bean!!
Its wrong. Who claims ALL homes in YO25 received a letter? our home, which is close to Alfred Bean definitely didnt receive any communication at all. Given the increase in the number of new homes being built and GP surgeries unable to cope with the current workload, it is UNWISE for anyone to consider closing this vital community service. Anyone representing the Conservative party that claims "everyone has been consulted" is being "economical with the truth"
Ridiculous
This as been a wonderful well needed hospital . I have been to minor injuries unit . I have had consultants there on my knee and other injuries . My daughter used it too. Such a shame hope my grandchild will be able to use it .
The size and population of Driffield requires a hospital service
Driffield continues to expand and Alfred Beans services will become more and more in demand. Accident and emergency services should be restored, many general medical services can be carried out from this site.
A great loss to those in the area who do not drive, cannot use public services due to ill health. If the covid vaccine had not been offered at Alfred bean my parents would not have travelled out of area due to confidence in driving, and my mother cannot drive. Used most of the services with my family over the years, a great loss to the community
It is a disgrace to the people of Driffield! Especially in the light of an expanding population..

As the town of Driffield is getting bigger and the council is passing all of the new builds in and around Driffield they will be a lot of families moving to this area ,the inferstructor needs to be implemented, so it would be a wise move to reinstate the hospital and all the services if a child or person had an accident as parent I would not like to drive to a different location,when we have one here .

It is detrimental to the town and many of small surrounding villages its serves. Local transport to driffield much easier than beverley or brjd for A&E and minor surgery

Appalling bearing in mind how much new housing has and is still going up on Driffield

Ludicrous, with all the building we need more Dr's not less. You can't get appointments easily nor ring prescriptions.

We miss it it was very good to be able to drive there and park and been seen. Minor injuries especially, the wound clinic was very useful as well.

Appalling. Disgusting. Thoughtless. I could go on. The town is growing massively and the nearest hospital is over twenty miles away. Buses only run every hour, trains a little more often, but neither are handy for either of the bigger hospitals (Scarborough or Hull). York is even more inaccessible. Getting to Castle Hill for an eleven thirty appointment meant me catching the 9.00 am bus and getting back to Driffield at 5.30pm. The actual appointment lasted about ten minutes. I am a fit person but how someone less able would manage is beyond me. Driffield needs a hospital and a MIU and outpatients' appointments. Please try to get the facilities back for us. Thank you

It's a shame all. Our small. Desperately needed hospitals, 1are not functioning fully any more. Pity we can't see our consultant there instead of having to Travel to. Castle hill.

Or Scarborough hospital.. Or make them into. Large doctors surgeries.

It is a very selfish attitude of the authorities as Driffield populalation is increasing and it will put extra pressure on the ambulance serves as no every has a car to travel to another hospital

I have a freind who is selling his house to move to Manchester so he can be near good quality health care as he has a hart condition, he should not feel that he has to move home to get NHS servises

The AB Hospital should have the beds reinstated because the NHS is always stating that patients are bed blocking our major hospitals.

If these beds were in place then patients could be accommodated in places like the ABH, and families would not have so far to travel to see them.

It is UTTERLY RIDICULOUS that people now have to travel to Hull, York, Scarborough or Castle Hill for their outpatient appointments.

Notwithstanding the fact that the CCG held consultations with the local of people of Driffield re the closure of the Minor Injuries Unit told us a pack of lies and then went on with their plans to close it, totally ignoring our concerns.

There is no support from our local MP, which is nothing short of DISGRACEFUL.

It is dangerous to close any more medical services. I don't intend to use any, ever, but you never know!

Its not only a loss of an essential building that could be used for a lot more services, it is a huge loss to the local community!

Some people find it hard to get to appointments in Hull or at Castle hill having outpatient clinics at Alfred Bean would not only be easier for patients especially older ones but would free up space in the over crowded outpatient departments in the above two hospitals, this even more important now due to Covid.

The minor injuries unit was a huge loss to the area and was used by myself several times alleviating the need for a trip to Hull A&E which is way beyond capacity the majority of the time.

The utilisation of these NHS buildings not only in Driffield but Bridlington and Hornsea could help not only with bed spaces, patients who need to stay in but dont need full nursing care, rehabilitation or following day surgery but would aid employment locally with the tge extra staff needed such as porter's, cleaners, auxiliary staff etc most of which could be done using the apprentice schemes so costing the NHS minimum money to gain staff trained to meet thier needs and standards.

Its time to look at using these old style cottage hospitals instead of closing them down to sell for housing developments adding to the population of the area without the infrastructure to support them!

It is and always has been a vital hospital in the area. It has always been a necessity and even more so with the increased numbers of houses built in the area. Who are these people that make these decisions even our mp cannot get anywhere. It would even be better if it was a maternity hospital or a cancer treatment eg chemo place. Please keep it going.

With so many new homes having been built, and other housing developments in the near future, it would seem extremely important to take advantage of the existing buildings at Alfred Bean, to be used to offer easily accessed Health care for a growing community,especially with many more children ,and also a growing population of elderly people. This would also take off the growing pressure on the larger Hospitals in this large area of East Yorkshire.I think it is extremely short-sighted of the powers- that -be, to be taking away a service that is surely going to be needed more in this area, rather than less.

Disgraceful. An elderly population that is unable to travel to Beverley Hull or Scarborough. Surely it is more beneficial to have local facilities for local people and this pandemic has made it more apparent that local is better

We have a wonderful building giving service to the local people who don't want to or can't travel as far as Scarborough, York or Hull.

So why close it.

It is so convenient to attend there to see a Consultant instead of out of the way bigger hospitals. After everything that has happened this last year, as an older resident, I didn't want to go into a larger hospital environment.

Loss of a much needed service

It will be a huge loss to Driffield and the surrounding area and of course for the staff working there. Driffield's population is growing not declining therefore we need a local hospital on our doorstep. My family have lived in Driffield for 15 years and have used and been grateful for the services available at Alfred Bean. Going to be a difficult fight for the District Council to keep it open but with the support of the people of Driffield they will succeed.

Disgusting we have to travel 50 mile round trip for health treatment when there a perfectly good hospital on our door step

I feel that closing this essential asset in Driffield will have a very negative affect, not only to the expanding population in Driffield, but also whole of the local rural area.

It would result in adding more pressure on the already stretched NHS and the ambulance service.

The devastation being wreaked by the CCG across the country is is almost criminal. The fact that they have no understanding of the need for towns and villages to be able to access the same level of care as was provided by the AB hospital before the CCG were appointed as a body to implement their nonsensical idea of what the NHS should look like.

Absolutely disgusted. Why do people vote for that snake Greg Shite?

Very disappointed when there are 1500 proposed new homes to be built and no infrastructure for all these people who now have to travel for appointments or minor injuries

Disappointing

Thoroughly disheartened, the town grows and grows, the medical services shrink. The population is growing older yet the patients are little cared for. Some will remember when patients could enjoy a weekly bath and get their toenails cut, terminally ill and convalescents could be accommodated,freeing up acute beds and we could benefit from minor injuries and wound clinics being restored. All a pipe dream I suppose but what a boost to the town, jobs created and at last some consideration for the elderly and disabled.

Dreadful , don't know why this happening as we've only lived here a couple of years but no doubt it'll be down to money.

The number of managers in the NHS should be cut rather than local services like this.

Shortsighted action based on funding model not needs of community. There is not one NURSING bed available in Driffield. That is so wrong. Also remember CCG is a cross party organisation and this is a cross party issue. Politicking is not helpful to the community.

Driffield is growing and needs extra services not a reduction.

What are people supposed to do? Where else can they go? It is a great shame to let vital health services close.

We are seeing our services dwindling but none is more important than the services to our health and well being. To rob us of a local medical service is unconscionable and immoral! Those of us who don't or can't drive due to health conditions, living in the villages with little or no public transport,will have extreme difficulty in travelling to Hull or Bridlington to access help. We have paid our taxes and yet were not consulted in this life changing decision.

It's a waste of a useable building in a rural area

We need local facilities and more beds for transition form hospital to home to,free up specialist beds

A very negative move. Why is it even being considered? Bearing in mind the number of homes being built in Driffield and the surrounding villages, it would seem imperative that the services of a local hospital should be increased, not decreased. It is invaluable to the local community. It was good to see it busy and bustling when it was used as a vaccine centre recently. It makes sense that it could be used as a hub to Scarborough Hospital, especially in these Covid times, to release beds. Surely staff could be found for respite and such like care. I know of numerous retired nurses who would be happy to return to such work. On a different level, since the hospital was bequeathed by Alfred Bean, a local benefactor, surely the public opinion should be taken into consideration. I wonder what would happen in Beverley if developers had their eye on building houses on the Westwood.

As a resident of a village in Driffield with limited bus serves and over 70 I would love to see our local hospital open and with full services resumed. An hour to Scarborough Hull or York with travel waiting etc takes up a full day. Alfred Bean was the nicest little cottage hospital.

I believe it served our community well .

The population in Driffield is expanding as several large housing estates have being built. There are also many older people who have to travel long distances for an appointment with a consultant, when we have a perfectly good hospital in our area. In recent years I have taken my grandchildren there for X-rays and minor injuries. We should be able to use these facilities which are on our doorstep. It's crazy to close this hospital, which is much needed in our area.

Driffield is a town with growing population due to the number of new developments, it has many surrounding villages which class it as their local large town to visit. In our current state, referring to the complications of covid, having a local hospital would certainly be a benefit when considering keeping transmission low. It also would be a great benefit as an extra centre for vaccinations and future booster vaccinations to take the pressure from doctors surgeries and allow a more efficient process.

There is a significant lack of health care services in the driffield area and having the Alfred Bean hospital is a vital asset to the community.

Not only does it provide the care that the local residents need it also reduces the pressure on other services at other hospitals that are already becoming overwhelmed with the demands from people in their more immediate

The East Riding is a complex area with many different needs for the local people and businesses in the large rural area. It is essential to be able to access as many benefits as possible in a local situation - not be told to travel to Hull, York, Scarborough or Malton when there is a perfectly and easily accessed hospital in Driffield. Bridlington is a shadow of its former hospital with only 3 of the 9 wards in use and more changes planned. Please don't let Alfred Bean be diminished / run down in the same way. Local people expect and deserve local services which embrace a local facility like AB hospital.

I think it's disgusting that so many of the services have been withdrawn. we have had to travel to Bridlington or Beverley for out of hours care because we were never given the option to attend the so called 8 to 8 service that was supposed to be at Drifffield. It had low usage because call handlers would never direct people there, even after trying to insist you would rather travel there. I've had to go to Hull or Scarborough for A and E, when previously I've been seen by a GP at Alfred Bean. Many people do not have their own transport and we now have to travel further for services like physiotherapist, orthotics, wound clinics etc. There have been so many new houses built in Drifffield, Nafferton and Kilham that trying to get a Doctor's appointment is hard enough. They have made great use of it for as a Covid Vaccination Centre. While the pandemic has been on it would have been better if a Covid clear hospital could Drifffield could have been utilised to serve other patients. I know of at least 6 people that had to travel to Castle Hill during this pandemic who caught Covid while in hospital and died after being successfully treated for other illnesses.

It's a great loss especially when the local area is rapidly growing used the different services at Alfred bean for many years

The East Riding General Hospital should never have closed. It was a proper hospital. Travelling to Hull or Scarborough is not possible for many people and how the closure of the hospital is an improvement of services is a mystery to everyone except the pen pushers

Alfred Bean is the best hospital in the area. For someone with anxiety issues like me, it's easily accessible and feels a safe place to be. The staff have always been outstanding there and the loss of services just puts more pressure on the outlying hospitals and makes it further tui travel for patients.

Absolutely abysmal. Having to go to bridlington and most of the times Beverley for such things that have been provided for in drifffield. Is a shambles.

Should not happen

ABH is a crucial service to Drifffield residents and the locale

Drifffield is a rapidly expanding town with an ever increasing population.

With the increase in population in Drifffield and the surrounding villages there is an increase in demand on the health services in the area. The Alfred bean should be increasing its services to the community not cutting them.

We need the services of this hospital particularly for outpatients and as a day hospital. Considering the ongoing increase in population in and around Drifffield. This would help free up somewhat the 2 Doctor's surgeries that are fast becoming overwhelmed.

Waste of a good building.

It could be used as a Health Hub, housing a doctor's surgery, the town could do with a third surgery. It could have ancillary departments, physio, OT, Diabetes Clinics and others. Could be a real asset to the town.

Strongly feel Alfred bean should stay as was intended! A hospital! So many estates being built yet so much being taken away from us!

In times of covid it should be more apparent that centralising everything and making everyone attend one large center is not sensible for transmission of communicable diseases . Smaller hubs can keep services operating in a safer manor

With more and more houses being built around the area , brings more people , it is extremely important to keep as many health services working locally as possible , Alfred bean has served all of my generation of family for the last 50 years and have been a fantastic service with peace of mind in our hour of need ,from MIU services to X-rays and physio , plus the hospital radio station kept my mum in a hobby for many years and the patients loved it fantastic amenity, shocking that this was so easily disposed of

disgraceful people are furious that no ones listened to those who use it and dont and cant drive old, disabled and vulnerable. BUT that our local MPs and government parties have allowed this to happen and its show that a pandemic has open the eyes to the elite that this is a valuable resource we are going to loose, and will be sold of to line the pockets of fat cats.

use it and make it a hub get other services to come in lease it out why have all the midwives and physio been stopped why not add on another GP and hire it out or a dentist. make it a multi service building like the ones in Bridlington and hull were you have numerous services in it.

the town is growing fast and rural villages and the population age is growing with the closing of Beverley hospital and now hull not being classed as a local hospital choice. Travelling to Scarborough and York is TERRIBLE the public transport is several different transports but the cost and time is shocking. if you do not drive or disabled you just don't go or ring. to attend an appointment it may take all-day for yourself missing work or children missing a whole day of school. your made to feel bad by employers or schools for not being able to drive, this could be through disabilities or age. we as up till recently you could access tons of services via drifffield, now with Beverley 111 having the same staff as Alfred bean use to have before services were striped it makes it a joke.

so most people will just rock up at hull royals A&E making it over used because no one wants to travel an hr at night to York and Scarborough.

Very sad. The hospital could be so much more, consideration could be made for a collective use of other needs such as Dentistry, Chiropady etc

I am appalled that closure of the Alfred Bean hospital can even be considered. With more housing developments being constructed in Drifffield itself and surrounding villages it is imperative that this hospital remains open. Our doctor's practices are under considerable pressure, even without the current COVID situation. It is not reasonable, or sensible to expect people to travel to hospitals further away. Not everyone can drive or has the benefit of someone else to take them. In my opinion closure of this hospital would be a disaster and the loss of services has been a backward step in the care and health of our local community and should be reinstated as soon as possible.

Drifffield is a growing town that serves many outlying villages. Being a rural area, it is so much easier for patients to access medical facilities locally rather than having to travel large distances to outpatient clinics/minor injuries etc in larger hospitals.

There is a large population of elderly people in Drifffield who find it difficult to travel further afield for appointments, it can also cause them extreme anxiety.

The town is growing rapidly and should have more local services not less.

Disgusted and outraged.

This was an amazing hospital we used for me and my family instead of sitting in a city hospital full of drunks and nad mannered people.!

It is outrageous to expect people to have to go to HRI or Scarborough. It is so expensive to park at these places not withstanding the amount of time it takes to get there!

We need a local hospital, it should be made a permanent A&E. So we don't have to go to Hull or Scarborough. It could be a great hospital again.

A big mistake? Natural expansion of Drifffield and surrounding villages inevitably need an increase in people numbers. More NHS help will be required, ideally as local as possible. If Alfred Bean is closed there needs to be evidence of a better alternative.

Very sad. Our family found it very useful.

The hospital should be utilised to its full potential, Drifffield and the surrounding villages have a large enough population to warrant these services especially a minor injuries unit, it provides local jobs, stops people having to travel so far for treatment, and most of all it is needed!

We moved to this area because there was a service such as this

Having to travel to hull cottingham or Scarborough is getting more difficult.

I feel Alfred Bean is a good local hospital and it should stay that way. Why should localpeople like myself have to travel to Hull, Scarborough, which are very busy hospitals when we have one here in Drifffield. I also feel that the minor injuries opening would not just benefit local people but it would take some of the extra patients off Hull Royal A&E, as waiting times can normally be five hours plus. Alfred Bean is a good little hospital and should be kept that way.

It seems strange to me that hospitals such as Hull Royal are apparently being overrun with Covid patients, yet units such as Alfred Bean and Beverley Hospital aren't being used to their capabilities. I realise that staffing and funding is an issue. But it seems to me and others that I talk to, that there are now too many chiefs and not enough Indians in the NHS. Probably some of the non medical management could be reduced, giving more funding to where it is needed, ie the medical staff. I am sure there are plenty of younger people who would love to be involved in medicine if given the opportunity.

Alfred been should stay as our local out patients, it is easy to get too, and alot more pleasant to visit that Hull Royal. I am disabled but I can get my own way to Alfred Bean but I need to depend of someone to take me to Hull Royal, and the trip is stressful.

Another retrograde step in health provision. Localism should be a strong feature of front-line provision, and form part of NHS reforms.

I feel there is a large population in this area and it warrants a facility like ABH was. It is too far to have to travel to Beverley and Bridlington when the population requires a facility like we had. There are a lot more houses going up in the area and demand on Doctors is increasing, ABH run as it was would help. More clinics could be brought locally so it can help with the massive waiting lists in many different areas.

More health care professionals are needed to save lives and improve on people's quality of life and give them the support they need it is a fantastic building just crying out to be brought to life again.

Whilst I understand the arguments for centralising resources I feel their needs to be a balance and in an expanding town this has not been met

The outpatients clinics should be re-instated.

We should be reducing unnecessary travelling both for reasons of convenience to users, who are mostly elderly, and also to benefit the environment. It is ridiculous that great numbers of outpatients are having to travel to Hull/Scarborough etc. when a consultant can make one journey instead.

Should changes caused by the virus result in more virtual consultations, a member of medical staff should be on hand at the Alfred Bean; those older people not conversant with modern technology or unable to hear or understand what is being said by the consultant would need help. They cannot be expected to manage on their own.

People are being forced to travel to Beverley/Bridlington for minor injuries due to the replacement by the 'set-up to fail' 8 to 8 arrangement; this appears to be a deliberate act to close the service at the Alfred Bean.

It would be lovely to have in-patients again. It would prevent bed-blocking in the acute hospitals and be convenient for relatives/friends visiting. It would encourage more visitors, which must be helpful for recovery. Sadly, I cannot envisage beds being brought back though...

ThecAlfred Bean us too expensive to run as a hospital, but is useful for relieving pressure on the A and E departments at bigger hospitals. The wards could be used for recovering COVID patients.

Disgusted!

Drifffield has a large encatchment area, the elderly are having to travel to other hospitals for routine clinics which is very distressing for them

Big farming community - need somewhere local for minor injuries.

Very very sad this has happened!

We are too far away from Scarborough or Hull to be able to get to those locations easily. I drive and I could get train and walk to the hospitals if I needed to, but we have the facility here, in Drifffield, and It was a superb hospital before its services were just run down or removed. This should not happen. For so many who cant access other hospitals and services, this is such a vital lifeline. Drifffield is increasing in population, a hospital is vital.

Will be interested to read how the Labour Party intend to use this info to get the MIU back, reopen beds and return outpatient services. Horse and bolted come to mind!!! Perhaps if you'd been better organised over the years and more involved in local issues it would have been useful.

I think the hospital service is vital to Driffield and rural services, it is such a long way to travel for medical services, I know this as having looked after my Father in law before he died, having to take days of work in order to transport him to appointments at Hull and Scarborough which could have easily been seen at Driffield, also my Son has crohns, and his treatment could easily be done at an out patients appointment in Driffield.

Driffield is a growing community and will only get bigger, which I feel needs medical services locally

I think it is vital that all our small hospitals are now open. They should be there to a) help to free up major hospital beds, b) to facilitate the local communities especially the elderly and disabled c) to provide a more personal and local country hospital environment to people who are vulnerable and not able to travel long distances to the large major hospitals

I cannot understand the logic involved in reducing services when the town's population is growing at the rate it is. Additionally the demographics show the population shows a significant percentage of older people. What is happening to the Alfred Bean is the result of allowing an unelected body of people who work and reside elsewhere to make decisions about our future.

This should never happen not everyone has transport to travel to Beverley and Scarborough or further to Hull and York

It is a pity that services are being cut back when the population of Driffield and surrounding area is increasing with new housing. Easy access is important for local people, particularly for the less mobile. Also if the local GP surgeries are too busy and over- stretched as they seem to be, an additional GP practise at the Alfred Bean would be a good use of an existing resource/building.

Whilst I understand that centralising all services is probably cost effective,

the amount of people who used the outpatients and various other services at The Alfred Bean is certainly significant. As a lot of those people are either elderly, not very mobile, or both, then they will suffer with having to travel quite long distances for treatment. I thought the idea of having various specialists holding a clinic once a week at the Alfred Bean was a good idea and much appreciated by the local populace. It also gave the specialists a day out, which I am sure was also a good thing. We seem to be losing many of the services which were available for many years in the past and this is indeed regrettable. Although the NHS is a wonderful thing it is extremely inefficient at the management level and a great deal of money is wasted. This needs to be remedied.

We have to travel further and pay parking . More time away from work.

It is done with no consideration for patients. The closure has obviously been planned for some years. When dialling 111 NHS Direct for minor injuries, you were never given the choice to go to Driffield - there was an obvious plan to direct everyone to Beverley. You can then say that the Driffield service was under used. It was so convenient seeing my Consultant at Driffield rather than at Castle Hill - no parking problems and much less waiting times. The bone clinic was also there - very helpful to have this service locally. More and more disillusioned with GP practice and services offered but have to rely on it even more now.

The town is ever expanding. The population of the town is growing at a rate higher than adjacent towns . The town need the services of a local hospital.

Disgusting. This facility used to be excellent, useful and convenient. Saved lots of 999 calls. Now people have a choice of a 20 mile, 32 mile, or approx 50 mile round trips to Brid , Beverley, Scarborough or Hull.

The demographics of this area means older people, and some others will most likely miss out on their treatments due to not be able to afford. Or have a vehicle to travel. Or they will simply call for an ambulance which increases costs to the NHS and removed essential emergency resources from the care area.

Very upset as it is a good local support service for a lot of people.

I think the losses of outpatient services is very distressing to the elderly who have to travel further

Also I have used the minor injuries department when I fell and broke my shoulder had a ex ray was made comfortable until I could see a specialist the next day (also they made the appointment for me)

Shocking the town is growing quickly with lots of new developments

Nearest a and e too far away to lose this facility

Having just moved here I was gutted to find the services being moved out of the hospital.

Once closed - lost forever.

I think the hospital needs using as a hospital with services for the town & surrounding villages.

Sad, feel like we are being forced to travel for treatment and care we could access closer to home,

I believe we need our hospital, with a minor injuries at the very least, Driffield is in the middle of a housing and population boom, as a growing area it needs this, especially families with young children and older people who need care too, many can't travel and a bus , train or taxi will be too expensive and time consuming for many...

Worried how we will travel when older and ill

I think it is more important than ever now that there is more and more houses being built around driffield. Many people cannot travel easily to other hospitals, and they are really busy places to start with.

I am appalled by this. Driffield is a good distance from other hospitals which causes immense problems for people and could be dangerous. I once had to take my three year old daughter there when she had her first anaphylactic reaction. She was literally going floppy in my arms when I ran into the minor injuries unit. I dread to think what might have happened if it would have taken any longer to get there. Please keep all services at Alfred bean open.

With all the new properties being built in our surrounding area, closing our nearest health facility is ridiculous. Not everyone can jump in a car to get to Hull or Scarborough in an emergency. Closing this facility will ultimately cost lives, if it hasn't already!

It is another example of community services being cut while they continue to allow a large quantity of new homes to be built around the local area - it puts enormous pressure on the services that are left behind. The nearest minor injuries unit is now over 30 mins drive away - it's too far if you are unfortunate enough to need their assistance.

Services should be where the best care is

The AB was originally built for Driffield and its people by a donation from Alfred Bean and his wife in 1930 hence the hospital was a gift by Mr & Mrs Bean and belongs to the town. Therefore the CCG and HNHSFS have no legal standing to close it or even suspend its Services. DTC need to investigate where the DEEDS are and pursue the legal situation. I am amazed they haven't even thought of this.

I feel that the increasing housing stock in Driffield calls for better medical services locally. It would take the pressure off other NHS services out of the area. There is also a large number of elderly residents who would benefit from services closer to home. It feels like the powers that be are making a short term financial decision and are not taking the long view to the usefulness of this facility.

Appalling, as there is such a great need with the building of hundreds of new homes within Driffield and the surrounding areas. Which will bring in many,many new families into the area. We need the hospital working and open for the well being of all local and surrounding people with various health needs.

The hospital was for the local community and we deserve these services to be returned to us.

Absolutely disgusting, how are people especially the older ones expected to get to other sites for outpatient treatment. This goes against what the government are saying regarding unnecessary travel during Covid, which I feel will be with us for sometime to come.

Diabolical and more so as the town and local area is seeing more housing development.

A backward step considering the expansion in housing in Driffield and surrounding villages.

X-ray service would be really useful as you have to drive yourself to Beverley and sometimes that's not easy with fracture(s).

Annoyed we need it

Whilst the population in our area is rapidly increasing, personally I find it hard to understand why services that were available from Alfred Bean are being stopped! Making us having to travel much further.

The Alfred Bean hospital is of vital importance to the area and should be expanded. The distance to either Scarborough, York or Hull could have life threatening consequences that could be mitigated if a closer hospital was available.

The under use of small hospitals is a big NHS management mistake. They could be used as centres for a specialism so they could still function COVID. Part of AB should now be used as a permanent vaccination centre not just for COVID but all vaccinations. This could free up some aspects of GP service. However it needs to be part of the NHS not a private provider.

Alfred Bean hospital would relieve pressure on main hospitals. It is easily accessible for older people to attend follow-up appointments. Minor injuries would relieve pressure on A&E depots especially with all the new houses being built in Driffield.

It means more travel and struggle for people. More misuse of 999 with no local MIU. It is very much the elderly who need appts who struggle to get to them. Use the words for step down care to get people out of HRI so it can free A&E to free ambulances

Very sad. When I broke my leg at Driffield secondary school I was in immense pain and was taken to Alfred bean where I was x rayed and a temporary cast put on til I could get to Hull the next day. I dread to think the pain I would have been in having to get to Hull then park up and get in. I had physio at Alfred bean so I could get straight back to school after. Hull would have meant most of the day gone. When we did go to Hull parking was difficult as it was so busy. I have gone for stitches to Alfred bean for a finger injury too. It has to save travel if things are local and the amount of people all using Hull and Scarborough must put a strain on the staff. Here are plenty of local nurses who live here who travel to York and Hull they could work here!

It's a modern very well looked after, easy accessible building.

I have used Alfred bean for many services over the years and found my experience excellent and I cannot see why any closure or reduced services would be beneficial to the community of Driffield. Use the opportunity to make the building work and serve its community to deliver good quality health care.

I feel that the health service is really important to Driffield. Driffield is growing and so are it's satellite villages , also with an ageing population travelling to Scarboro Hull or York is very difficult for a lot of people. If the Alfred Bean can be utilised for local health it would be beneficial for locals and also relieve pressure from the larger hospitals.

I have used the hospital for many years, it should not be closed. The area it covers is not just Driffield but surrounding villages. It was donated and they have no right to close.

I am so upset to see how the Alfred Bean is being closed down, why are they letting such a valuable asset for Driffield and it's residents being mothballed, it's criminal. We are in a rural location and once again another of our services is eroded. Residents will now have to travel to Scarborough, Beverley or Hull and often the people with most need for the services previously offered have no way of getting to the other health hubs.

I think there is some scare mongering. District nursing, physio, podiatrist, sexual health..... all still running and no view to end these services.

Out patients - services were pulled to make it impossible for the clinics to run (ie, Scarborough pulled X-ray service)

MIU should be re opened, but then every time I went it was extremely quiet. Perhaps if it was 3 days a week it would be more cost effective. The 8-8 services could have worked if the nurses planned to do it weren't given abuse by patients just turning up.

It is a local hospital. Many people would be unable to travel a long distance to another hospital this denying them health care. This is against what the NHS is all out. Putting people first is what NHS should be about.

My husband and I are both over 70 so travel becomes difficult, but also i feel it's such a waste to have a lovely all be it small hospital not put to good use to alleviate the bigger hospitals. The nearest A&E from Driffield is over an hour away so this hospital is essential to Driffield.
Incredulous! The town is expanding and facilities disappearing, doesn't make sense!!!
Closure of the Albert Bean makes no sense, it flies in the face of all logic!
Heartbreaking! Our town is expanding and the services are disappearing, doesn't make sense. We are supposed to be protecting the planet but now have to travel to access the health service. In the past it was great that we could get help locally, we could be there in minutes. I am totally against losing the hospital and its services.
It's ridiculous as there are hundreds more houses being built in Driffield and surrounding villages and local health services are closing. This only makes waiting times longer and staff at other locations busier
Very worried about future health services with the rising population in the area.
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I and my family value the Alfred Bean enormously.
I have previously been an inpatient, and we (unfortunately) had a few occasions when we had to use the minor injuries unit.
None of this is now available, and as we become older and unable to drive we fear for our future.
My Mother left a legacy of £1,000 to ABH. She would be mortified.
I feel that the run-down of services at the Alfred Bean 'hospital' is purely controlled via the administrators based in Willerby! I believe that this administration are unable to dispense with the 'hospital', as was done by the closure of the East Riding General some years ago, because the property was gifted to the town to be used for the benefit of the towns people and does NOT actually belong to the NHS.
When we speak with friends and family living in other areas of the country, we will be advised of similar actions in all areas, which would suggest to me that it is directed via the national government. (and this from someone who has NO allegiance to any particular political party)
As I now do not drive I have to rely on other people to take me
Surley keeping it open will release the bigger hospitals
It's insane. But Torys gotta Tory.
It's a disgrace to take these services away, they are vital to our community. We have an ever growing population homes are being built in their hundreds. It seems senseless to rob us of vital clinics. Lots of the local community are elderly and the Alfred Bean is an essential service to them and the whole community.
It covers not only Driffield but all the outlying villages surrounding it, people need Alfred Bean its not always possible to travel elsewhere + a large part of Driffield are elderly.
Its a fantastic asset to the NHS and the community they could save money by re opening it. Its also good for the environment if it reopened. The list is endless of why it should be re opened.
Our Town and surrounding villages continued to expand with increased house building. We are a Town of sport, Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Bowls and Tennis and our Schools are expanding with a greater number of pupils attending and we have several care homes for the elderly. Why cut our services? We desperately need them it is a huge failing in my view to cut our Alfred Bean Services and a sad loss to our area and surrounding villages. In my view it is an essential service that should continue and improve and expand NOT CUT. It is a huge failure to everyone who has now lost a vital service which should be easily accessible to all. I am personally very disappointed with the decision. Centralisation of services will in my view impact on lives and treatment for all.
As usual smaller towns are paying the price of this government
Some elderly people require a local service as do parents with young children
I feel it is a disaster for the local area. The hospital was built for the town and local area and should continue to serve as an essential service for our growing population in the town.
It's a disgrace. It's a well known fact that people need to be seen and if we shut yet another public hospital that was LEFT to the area to use should not be given up.
Services to people not people to services!
It's a big loss to Driffield & the surrounding areas. I live in one of the villages and I would have to get to Scarborough, 30 mins away or Beverley, 40 mins away which is too far away especially for people without transport.
This place as I understand was gifted to the community so it should stay in the community and provide services for the community! I have a teenager son who plays sport and over the years minor injuries has been a god send when we have had broken bones or injuries. I also volunteered for a session up at the memory cafe with the local dementia awareness group this is a vital service for so many local people and their families we need this service in there and I for one would volunteer to help again regularly if needed to offer support to services up there.
A town the size of Driffield should be able to access treatment for minor injuries and recovery services following major operations at the Hull Royal or Scarborough for the benefit of visitors and patients alike.
More houses are being built, therefore more people in the area. Already waiting times in all hospitals for procedures can be a year or more. Surely as the hospital is already built for this purpose it makes sense to reopen it.
I don't feel that closing Alfred Bean is on the best interest of not only the people but of the NHS service it's self. Driffield is getting bigger every year and we need a hospital here to support that, not the services taken away. The minor injuries service especially is what is missed. A lot could be benefitted from resuming services e.g less pollution from people having to travel to the hospital, at the moment the transmission of covid could be prevented more, people who don't have transport either don't go get the treatment they need until absolutely necessary, making their health in a worst condition, or calling an ambulance through no choice putting more strain and cost on the NHS.
Very poor now Driffield is growing more and more we need an hospital in the town we are having to travel 12 miles to get young children to be treated which is wrong
Very disappointed
Taking into consideration that we live in the centre of Hull, Scarborough & Bridlington, it's absurd that we have to travel to either Hull or Scarborough for medical attention.
Disgusted..alfred bean is a small but essential hospital to the community.it needs to stay open
I feel it a massive loss for Driffield to lose its outpatients myself my son and my partner have all used the facility and Beverley hull or Scarborough is a long way to have to travel I have took my son who is now 11 to the minor injury a few times
With the town expanding, and a population aging, we will need the Alfred Bean, in fact we do now, it will save patients travelling all over the area to get treatment, it used to be a good hospital and there is no reason why it should not now. It only inconveniences the NHS and paper shufflers to centralise everything, put the services where the people are and need it. Its a disgrace what is being done to it, in the name of cost cutting.
With the town growing daily. This hospital needs keeping, people will struggle to get to Scarborough hill and in a lot of cases York
I think it's stupid. We need Alfred Bean especially as a growing community with all the new estates that are being built. Not only would it ensure that people in this town are been looked after and cared for, it would also offer more jobs which are very scarce in Driffield as it is, nevermind with the new estates being built.
Alongside of this, Alfred Bean gave people a small sense of safety and security knowing that help was in the town, rather than having to travel elsewhere, which can be difficult for people who cannot drive (more so during the pandemic as most people do not want to use public transport).
It's a crying shame that Driffield hospital isn't used better to it's potential, this is a lovely little hospital so useful to the community and local people it helps...I believe it should be kept open and used better..
A town with an ever growing population should have a hospital to at least deal with minor injuries, hold regular clinics and have at least one community ward for local residents who need that extra bit of recovery assistance following an operation in Hull, Castle Hill or Elsewhere can you imagine the expense and effort for a visitor who has to use public transport getting to one of those hospitals? My mum aged 94 and who lived in Beverley had a fall and was taken to HRI where they decided, after 48 hours that she had a heart problem so transferred her to Castle Hill where she had a pacemaker fitted a few days later she was transferred to Bridlington community ward then 3 days later transferred to Beverley where she spent 2 weeks I live in Middleton on the Wolds and drive so I could visit to take her essentials, sort her phone etc but I could not have done anything on public transport. So come on help the people of Driffield and save all those journeys to and from those other hospitals at a time when life is stressful enough even after COVID 19.
Very backward thinking considering the large numbers of people moving into the area.
Driffield as a town is growing with extra people during the summer, if we need A&E we have to go to Hull or Scarborough. We lost the hospital with the promise of Bridlington taking up the slack but that hospital has since lost its A&E, to travel 22 plus miles is crazy and people like myself have not got things dealt with because of the distance is too great which in turn puts extra pressure on our GP services whom are struggling as well with numbers. There is a large body of people who are feeling very let down with the services that have been removed. Why can't they utilise the Alfred Bean and have a minor injuries unit with a GP surgery all in one possibly a few community beds for use in day cases in minor surgery. Yes it's expensive to set up but we've got no support for Driffield and surrounding areas regarding emergency care and general care.
There are far too many people living in the area Driffield and the Wolds, it's a rural area with limited transport availability..
So it needs a good support local hospital.
The closer to a hospital that people are can surely make a difference to their prognosis. A rural health service is valuable for those who cannot travel far.
Absolutely disrespectful to the town and surrounding villages, meaning we are putting on the waiting times of other hospitals and having to travel further for treatment! It's a waste of money letting it just sit there empty. Driffield itself is a growing community with the residents always relying on the assistance of the Alfred Bean and its loyal staff, some have been seen the same nurses or consultants there for years it has been sadly missed! To see the Alfred Bean opened up as a running hospital would be amazing and the residents of a growing community in Driffield and surrounding villages don't deserve to travel 15 miles to get the most local help when there's a hospital on our doorstep.
A much needed service in an ever increasing town
A great loss to Driffield and rural areas. With all the new houses built and being built will stretch resources way beyond their limit and the public health will suffer
I think closing Alfred Bean is a very selfish and stupid thing to happen for all the parents are struggling to to even put food on the table how are they supposed to to get the families to hospital when they you did instead of wasting and ambulance time I'm when they could just walk to Alfred Bean and seek help... I think you should keep the hospital open and reach up and it's services so that the public of Driffield and surrounding areas can use Alfred being again
Driffield is an expanding town and needs the Health care services for now and in the future.
Madness when the town and surrounding villages have doubled and public transport has dried up making it hard to get to NHS services also Driffield is full of ageing population who can't drive to York or Scarborough.
The town's population is growing weekly. The GP surgeries and other services are already running over capacity.
We have a huge asset in the Alfred Bean and it needs to be used. It is crazy that the building is sat nearly empty when there could be so much done to help the people of Driffield

Driffield is expanding.
I work helping to provide home care for people living in driffield as surrounding area.
They should have access to the outpatients department.
Some cant travel. The district nursing team are amazing, but yet again a 5 minute journey may be tolerable a 30 -60 minute journey isnt.
A main reason I retired to this area was the presence of Alfred Bean. Soon I will no longer be able to drive. Buses don't stop at Beverley hospital. Bridlington hospital is too linked to York hospital for convenience. For a major hospital I prefer to go to Hull as it is better and more accessible.
I think it is narrow-minded and doesn't take into account that many, particularly the elderly, who live in rural villages with little or no public transport are unable to access the larger district hospitals easily.
It's very worrying! We need local services for local people. Not everyone can travel to Beverley or Hull
I think it's a bad choice as the hospital was given to the town of driffield and with more houses being built in driffield and surrounding areas i think it's an essential
Who ever takes these decisions have no idea what the local area needs.Also not everyone has a car to travel.It seems it's another thought from a pen pusher who is not productive.
Very disappointed especially for those without access to cars. Especially difficult to understand when Driffield is growing in size.
Those responsible should be considering making life easier for patients rather than much for difficult and unpleasant.
I feel as if we have not even had a say in this so I'm glad there is now this survey, hopefully it won't be overlooked.
The town as well as surrounding villages are just going to keep getting bigger and bigger and with no Alfred bean it would mean travelling further and potentially increasing the demand on the ambulance service.
The Alfred Bean hospital is a lifeline for every member in the local community, I go there regularly for Podiatry and as a type 1 diabetic this service is invaluable as it is to many others. The nursing staff are friendly and helpful which is always so reassuring.
It makes no sense when, due to an ever increasing number of homes/population (and more to come at Kellythorpe in the next few years), that local services be reduced.
Through the implementation of the NHS Low carbon travel, transport & access plan, i.e. as part of the carbon reduction strategy, you would expect that any future NHS planning would strive for a reduction in individual patient journeys to hospitals outside of the area i.e. Hull, York etc. Proactive responsive & timely services should be delivered locally with other services (e.g.consultants and more specialist services) travelling to different centres across Hull & East Riding.
Hospital discharges to care homes across a wide geographical areas also prove a challenge for individuals and their families with many unable to visit (pre-covid!), thus affecting recovery times and mental health, particularly for the patient. Offering a person aged over 70 from North Frodingham, a rehabilitation placement (on discharge from HRI) to a care home in Hull is not acceptable, on refusal, a care home in Cranswick was suggested but Alfred Bean would have been so much more accessible & acceptable for friends and family to visit.
I agree to make the building a community asset. However, whilst the concept of a 'wellbeing' type hub as a future use for the hospital is an admirable one, surely this would be difficult to sustain financially and also to resource with suitably skilled staff (who potentially may have to be volunteers) this would continue to cause and reinforce the uncertainty we have currently.
A waste of a very convenient asset
I feel that the closure was a deliberate move to centralise services and nothing anyone can say will be listened to and certainly not acted upon
Driffield is a growing town healthcare needs are going to increase. The two surgeries are currently stretched with capacity. If some services which people are seeing their GP for (or are having to be referred by GP for) could be accessed easily at Alfred Bean it may help. It is also not always possible for people to easily travel for minor injuries / other non emergency services and Alfred Bean would allow the local population to avoid this issue. That said, any services would need to be appropriately staffed and if that is a problem then it doesn't make sense to keep the building open with running costs if there aren't enough staff from a specific discipline to provide a good service. I also believe some very specialist services may benefit from being centralised - but these are very few
With all the houses being built and pressure on Hull Royal and Scarborough why not have more localised services? Minor injuries is used when school children hurt themselves as its quick to get to. All the travelling people do isn't good for the environment. Malton seems to be suggested now for some services but why not here?
The current policy for small hospitals now is closure and centralisation of services at District hospitals. I have been visiting Castle Hill and Hull Hospitals (ophthalmology and plastics) sinceSeptember 2018. My husband has visited Malton, York, Scarborough, as well as Driffield for ophthalmology until it closed, and he now visits Hull for this. We are both 80 years old and fortunately drive. Our medical care is excellent, but what happens if we are not allowed to continue driving? Driffield needs a general hospital with minor injuries unit at the very least, certainly more than ever now given the growth of our town.
I have no transport so getting to castle hill involves difficult journey train and buses.
I have no mobility problems so getting to castle hill and hull royal not very good for me. AB was ideal
I have no mobility problems so getting to castle hill and hull royal not very good for me. AB was ideal
I had monthly diabetic foot appointments at AB and was due annual retina sscreening this month.
Was not told services stopping and have not been given appointments elsewhere my treatment has just stopped.
Driffield and the surrounding area has a fast growing population and desperately needs the NHS sevice! The Doctors in the area need to recognize this and demand for their patience to be able to use it! Staffing of the NHS is at crisis point and desperately needs addressing! People need to know the NHS has a secure future! and funding must be a priority in any government, therefore why not increase the tax specifically for our NHS/Care needs? I have spoken to no one who dose not want this! Everyone wants the security of knowing their NHS/care needs are there and just like their pension, is there for them when they need it! The people of this country can not afford to go private and nor do they want it, despite the government doing its best to cripple the NHS! When Labour are next in power I hope and pray you have a strong and clear plan to rebuild the pride of the NHS again! and for goodness sake ask the people who work in it, what they think too!!
Shortsighted
I think it is great loss to the continually growing community. Surely the smaller hospitals take the pressure off the main hospitals especially in dealing with minor injuries and x-rays.
Also it is not easy for a lot of local people to travel to the larger hospitals and the distance could be crucial in some cases. We need our hospital
There are so many uses for this hospital such as an isolation hospital for covid, a convalescence hospital for older patients, a doctors surgery with minor injuries. This pandemic has highlighted the need for more health providers on a local basis so the last thing that should be happening is the closure of an extremely valuable and wanted facility.
Disgusted that it should close causing hardship for many residents in having to travel to Hull,York,Malton and Bridlington. The town is rapidly expanding ,as are many of the local townships What thought has been given to the local transport facilities? The hospital should be expanding not closing. Let us have a n NHS service which supports the community, not relying on GP practices and the high street pharmacies. The first are over stretched and the second want to sell product not act as a mini hospital. A Huge Mistake!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Essential to have medical care in the local community.
The ever growing population of Driffield needs a local health service rather than having to travel long distances to large cities.
Ive moved to Driffield in 1980 when the Hospital was fully operational, since then it has declined dramatically. The Alfred Bean should be improved because of all the new residents due the the new housing estates in the town. Why should people have to travel miles when we could have the facilities locally, plus the cost of having to travel and what about the people who do not have their own transport.
Not keeping up with the increasing housing developments in Driffield .
Can't get through on telephone lines in either surgery so scope for a further GP practice .
Great use of for vaccination centre .
Why not use as step down beds or as a care home similar to Bridlington hospital and Castle Hill ?
Use the conservatory for mental health projects after COVID eg charity meets ups for Older or vulnerable people .
Bring back minor ailments as a necessity for young families .
Driffield is growing in population due to house building and needs much more health services in the area
No issues in going to another hospital, save money and close it.
Frustration, anger and I feel like the decision was completely wrong because lots more people are moving here so very soon lots of people who could have potentially been saved a lot of pain and waiting (and travelling) by an outpatients department in the town. I thought the hospital was originally for the people of Driffield. Clearly that is NOT the case anymore for them or Nafferton or the other local villages either. Plus if you don't drive or have access to a vehicle (which I don't) it's a nightmare!!
We are forgotten
The town is forever growing and they shut our hospital! Absolute joke such a loss to Driffield.
Disgusting for us to travel at 50+ mile round trip,parking fees for something that would be able to be done at driffield makes no sense no wonder these main big hospitals are stretched save our NHS and staff by relieving pressure of them also another 2000+ homes being built in our town we need this hospital back!!!
Driffield is expanding all the time and the health services are getting less and less whilst the growing population need more local services
I am dismayed! Driffield has grown so much in the last 10 years , and we have one of the largest schools in the area we need more services from our health s services NOT less , every thing seems to go to Beverly, traveling is easy if you are in reasonable health but not on these roads if not ! Alfred Bean could employ lots of people too .
FOR PATIENTS WITHOUT THEIR OWN TRANSPORT THERE IS NO SERVICE OUTSIDE OF DRIFFIELD, SINCE YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE STOPPED NON-URGENT PATIENT TRANSPORT & COUNTRY BUS SERVICES HAVE BEEN CUT. CLOSING LOCAL HEATH SERVICES IS PART OF THE RUN-DOWN OF THE NHS
I think the closure of services was abhorrent. The hospital is an incredible resource and its closure is pushing more people towards A&E in Hull and Scarborough, causing issues in these locations. To have a local minor injuries unit in Driffield would ease pressure elsewhere in the system, ensure local people get treatment quickly and efficiently and provide a much needed hospital for an ever-growing town.
It will be a terrible loss to this town
Loss of a valuable service
Diabolical misuse of a perfectly good facility which this growing town and surrounding area is in need of.,not a 20 mile journey to Hull or Scarborough

A disgrace. Driffield is a growing town with a growing population, industrial estate, several schools and sports facilities that needs the services that used to be at the Alfred Bean. People cannot be expected to go to Bridlington or Beverley(who are also over stretched) for treatment.
It would be a huge loss but I feel other services that are used could come in. Recently due to the pandemic the hospital has being unused by Humber for services as staff are redeployed, to help in other areas. It was more a call centre which has being centralised, now only CHCP have appointments for their clinics and remain busy with physio, podiatry, wound clinic OT and community nursing all based their. So patients can get there on the bus outside the hospital for the services that are used.
The services provided should be increased, not closed down. Having to travel a minimum of 25 minutes (in good traffic) for any major issue is appalling especially with the population density for the area. We are in desperate need for such a vital service in the area and that should be doing more e.g maternity ward! This will help ease other hospitals in the area and create jobs and ease congestion. Whoever thought closing these sorts of things down needs to experience hard labour with the little pay it brings home have an accident due to being totally exhausted and then having the realisation of having to drive themselves to the nearest able hospital (which more than likely is over an hour away in rush hour) and then tell the area it isn't warranted having a properly functional hospital within the area. It's a joke!
It's a disgrace. Driffield is getting bigger and more populated we need a hospital and a d e
The town is growing quickly and we have 2 doctors surgeries both of which it is extremely difficult to get an appointment. Would it be a good idea to turn it into a large medical practice.
Very upset. This town has increased ten fold but all the services are being cut. I've worked all my life and paid taxes. Driffield have a lot of older age people who struggle to get to other hospitals. It's a full day for them if they don't drive.
Alfred bean left the hospital to the people of Driffield.
When the last changes were mad we were told at an open evening that more health services were going to be transferred from York but I've seen no sign of that. When I needed out of hours check (Sunday) on what looked to be an infected insect bite I was sent to Bridlington yet Driffield had the same service and it was deliberately not being used. It used to be a simple matter if my GP needed an x-ray prior to treating me, he just sent me round to Alfred Bean. Not now. What a waste of a fabulous local health facility that could have contributed during the pandemic in a variety of ways.
Closing Alfred Bean would mean travelling to Bridlington, Beverley, Hull, Scarborough or York, and for many this would mean using public transport or taxis. Perhaps when the Medical Centre is extended some services could be transferred in the future.
Disgusting i have a disabled daughter if poorly we have to go out of town .my mum and dad are elderly and will have to use public transport go out of town to appointments.
It is a disgrace considering it will mean travelling to Hull, Scarborough or Bridlington for many elderly people live in the area. Consideration should be given to converting it to an ICC or a care home with some outpatient facilities
Given the continuous in crease in house building in Driffield and all surrounding villages demand for local NHS services is set to increase.
More and more house are being built yet nothing is there to support us. I've used Alfred bean over the years 100+ times and without a doubt is an invaluable part of our rural community
I feel it is a dangerous situation for a town with so many new homes not to have any facilities we used to have at Alfred Bean!
Ridiculous!! Having to travel to Beverley or Bridlington for x-ray, outpatient appointments, when have a perfectly good hospital in Driffield.
Disgusting, the town is getting bigger each year with more new houses, meaning more people who need support rather than driving 12/18/25 miles for hospital care
I'd like to know what the Labour Party are going to do with this. All the questions are very one sided . I like the Idea put forward by Driffield Council in the paper and I vote for them to represent me so are you supporting them?
I read about this in the Driff paper and I reckon the council have the right idea to work with everyone involved. The icc idea sounds perfect for a growing place like driffield
Absolutely outrageous, I was born at Driffield hospital. I
Both my children have used A&E on occasions.
The people of Driffield and the wilds paid for this hospital to serve the community.
The nurses and doctors are all fantastic and we need to keep the hospital open! Why would you close it ?
Discusting , the town and surrounding areas are growing ever larger with shrinking healthcare facilities.
This should never closed people need alfred bean
I do not drive and suffer with chronic back pain I have 2 daughters and now really struggle to access A&E and also for out patients appointments for me and my daughter's. I think also that people with low incomes will also struggle to access these and as a result people's health suffers and children won't always get the medical help required.
So worrying for future generations, with an ever growing population. Extremely short sighted and difficult to understand.
It is a local service that the residents of driffield and surrounding areas could use to see a consultant without having to travel to hull or York for a preliminary assessment of their conditions. The minor injuries unit also was needed as there are many sports played in and around driffield where it was possible to visit there with a minor injury rather than a trip to the very busy Hull or Scarborough A & E departments. I made frequent trips there when my children were younger for injuries, allergic reactions and illness. Surely having a local hospital available frees up the larger hospitals.
For such a large and growing town, aswel as the large villages around us, I don't understand how anyone can think we can cope with just 2 doctors surgery's.
Having two young children, we shouldn't be expected to drive out of driffield for any minor injuries that may occur over the coming years.
Not very happy with the ongoing housing developments it should be opened up again and the services be made available for all Driffield and the surrounding villages
With all the new housing and the population of Driffield growing so rapidly it doesn't make sense that these services are being withdrawn. People can't access GP for appointments etc. and yet they take away a much needed resource. Not everyone can travel to Beverley or Bridlington for treatment.
It is absolutely ridiculous to close the services,with the amount of people there is and also the building of hundreds of new houses there should be a lot more services ,not less
The Alfred Bean provides a valuable service to the ever growing community of Driffield. We must not forget all the fund raising for Alfred Bean that has been undertaken over the years by the local community. We must not let it go to waste.
I feel it is wrong and should be reconsidered. Not everyone has the ability or finances available to travel to the next nearest hospital.
I feel the people in Driffield and surrounding village area are been let down by their local NHS. For anyone living in the Bridlington/Driffield area to access the NHS services diabolical. I have suffered ear problem my whole life and had numerous operations including two mastoid surgery but for me to see a ear specialist I have to travel to York or Malton which is impossible for me to go and attend and now have been unable to see a specialist because of this. The government need to rethink the health services in our area especially for the elderly patients and stop forgetting about us especially when people in the area need emergency care have to travel to Hull or Scarborough. My Grandmother who suffered a heart attack in Bridlington had to travel 30mins to Scarborough hospital for medical care yet Bridlington and Driffield has an empty hospital not been used?
I think it is an absolute disgrace, what with all the new housing coming to Driffield.
Driffield is growing and we are losing these all our services
Absolutely ridiculous, not every body has transport to get to other hospitals.
Disappointed that a good facility is being removed and that we will have to travel to Hull or Scarborough hospital. These are not easy to reach for those without their own transport.
I feel disgusted and upset to think about our local hospital gradually been run down. It is a well used hospital (or should I say WAS) before it has been sneakily downgraded.
The town is growing and growing, with a mixture of ages all needing some hospital care at some point, wether it be minor injuries or out patients, X-ray, physiotherapy, audiology.
I used the minor injuries department countless times when my boys were young, on 1 occasion we were taken through to Scarborough via ambulance. But it meant my son could be seen and start the treatment he needed sooner, plus helped me feel less anxious knowing he had been looked after.
We have used the outpatients department countless times as well, which saved us having to get the bus or train to Hull (I didn't drive at the time) and all the hassle and stress that creates.
There are lots of people in Driffield that would need to use the services at The Alfred Bean (if it were offered).
It is my understanding that the land was donated/given to the people of Driffield, so how is it possible for the land to be used for anything else other than what it was given for?!
This hospital needs to return to being a hospital, Driffield and the surrounding villages need this service, not everybody can trek miles to either of the other hospitals in the area
Not only is the reduced service inconvenient, it must be financially unviable to have folk utilising main hospital services instead of local.
I have used Alfred Bean for various different services, all of which I have been incredibly happy they were so local. A handful of times when I have concerns over my pregnancy and with my children. One time in particular, a very traumatic time when my daughter was 4 and split her chin open, we rushed there also with my younger son. It would NOT have been possible to have taken my daughter anywhere further away, the stress of the blood gushing down her face and me trying to stay calm for both of my children while we drove to Driffield was more than enough. We were seen very promptly and the staff were amazing. Everytime we went, the staff where amazing. People, especially children should NOT need to be to be in pain in a car for a longer journey. Once Alfred Bean closed my son broke his collar bone, first I had to find someone to look after my daughter, then we drove to Bridlington, he was in pain and we were too late to get an Xray (it was before tea time) the nurse thought it was just bruised, he was in so much pain. The next day we had to travel to Hull for an Xray, he had broken it. All these services could be on our doorstep, for those people who can't travel or haven't got access to a car and a taxi ride would be too expensive. What on earth should they do? We need a local Minor Injuries service as well as all the other services.
I feel it's madness to stop these services, the population of Driffield and surrounding areas is growing all the time. New homes are being built all around and these people would benefit from the services. Also the area has a lot of elderly people who greatly need the services to remain.
We keep building homes here but taking away services needed for the people buying those homes.
As services have been removed from Driffield we have been promised that the would be replaced in Bridlington then they never have been there or have been removed to Scarborough leaving us with having to travel to Hull or Scarborough and now some services are being removed from Scarborough to York it feels as Driffield is being treated like second or even third rate citizens by the NHS
Poor idea, makes it very inconvenient now and puts more pressure on GP practices
Absolutely disgusting. In a town that is growing out of all proportion we need these facilities.
Disgusting
Making it harder for people to access health services without travelling long distances

The town is growing with many new developments. There is no investment in extra health or educational services. The hospital needs to remain open as there are plenty of people in and around Driffield that can use this service and we have an ageing population. Minor Injuries should NEVER have been taken away. Outpatients are so important as well, they need to remain there to serve the local community, not everyone can travel.
We do not need to privatise this service
It's disgusting
It is scandalous, we need a local hospital, we needed one prior to all the new houses been built. With more new homes planned we should be increasing our local services not reducing them. Why should local people have to travel to Hull or Scarborough to visit a hospital. It was only a couple of weeks ago I had to go and rescue my 80+ year old neighbours who had to go to Hull for a blood transfusion. The procedure was delayed and my neighbours had to attempt to drive home in the dark, she managed to drive so far but got so frightened so could not drive any further, I went out and drove their car home. This is just one case of the local people been let down by the poor services in our town.
Centralising health care and losing of community beds doesn't work. This is evidenced by 'bed blockers' on acute medical/care of the elderly wards resulting in reduced capacity. This also leads to early and failed discharges in an attempt to free beds.
This is not patient focused care, and is not cost effective.
The town is growing at an alarming rate but the services in it are diminishing rapidly
It's unfair that we as residents have lost a vital part of our community. It was a great service and very busy. It's not right we now have to go to bigger hospitals with lots more people!
More and more houses are being built with more people coming to the area with no expansion to medical or dental services.
We certainly need a minor injuries if nothing else
We have lived in Driffield about 13 years and with injury's hospital appointment for eyes we at first only went to Alfred Bean and the devices and staff were excellent now of we need service we have to travel to Beverly chottingham our even Hull and with covid-19 around would be better for people to star local
Driffield is getting bigger every year. It just doesn't make sense to loose such vital services
The town is growing at a great speed but the facilities are really poor
It is vital to have the Alfred bean open & fully used so travel is reduced, care can be received quickly & families can say goodbye to loved ones in a caring way.
It is just to far to travel to Hull or Scarborough.
Totally ridiculous considering the rate at which Driffield is expanding and the fact there are many people in Driffield and the Villages that are elderly and don't drive, it's virtually impossible to get to Hull and Scarborough from Driffield,
Appalling, staff were treated unfairly and only given a weeks notice, resulting in some staff taking redundancy.
The minor injuries was closed after the public were told it would stay open with reduced hours
The closure of services places a greater strain/demand on the larger hospitals. People are having to travel to access services, some of whom, such as elderly people would be impacted on less if able to access a local service. Waiting times would reduce in places such as A&E as people would be seen elsewhere, such as Alfred Bean.
Very disappointing. Our town is expanding and we seem to be losing more local facilities. Having a local hospital is vital for our local and surrounding area.
We once had an integrated health team involving local GP s and local social services. We had a community ward with dedicated palliative care suite and clinical staff trained who cared for their local community like close family. All eroded .the larger hospitals acute services can not cope . Services all too fragmented.
I'm devastated of the closure!
Why can't they use the Hospital as a health hub, put Doctors surgeries, Dental practitioners, eye specialists, Podiatrists, Physiotherapy Minor Injuries etc all in 1 place, its easy to get to, local for the community and it would be conserving an iconic building.
Very disappointing and another blow to the hospital which will only effect the residents of Driffield and the local areas.
Driffield population increasing. New housing estates being built. Not enough doctors surgeries as difficult to get appropriate appointments. Need Alfred Bean kept open.
Disgraceful. With all the new houses being built, how is the town to be catered for medically at the very least?
This town is a hub for surrounding rural areas and is itself expanding, bringing more people into the area who need access to medical care. There is also a significant number of older residents who don't have transport to enable them to travel easily to hospitals in Beverley/ Bridlington/Hull/Scarborough, for minor injury needs. Alfred Bean has the capacity to provide that service as well as outpatient clinics.
In addition, we often hear about recovering patients 'bed blocking' in hospitals, preventing the admission of other patients. One of the things this pandemic has shown us is that the NHS doesn't have the right infrastructure to deal with a large influx of emergency admissions. Hospitals like Alfred Bean could provide in-patient convalescent/rehabilitation care, and free up space for those in need. In the current pandemic situation recovering covid patients could be transferred to Alfred Bean as a halfway house before returning to their homes, which also giving more assessment time for care packages to be put in place for those who will then need support at home.
Centralising care might provide economic and efficiency benefits but it comes at the expense of the wellbeing of patients. Closing Alfred Bean deprives the town of a prime facility which has the capacity to provide a variety of services.
Absolutely ridiculous
The hospitals in Our area are struggling and yet we are closing a hospital that can help ease the pressure!
Look at it right now good job they can still use it don't think it should have been closed down
Let NHS decide - better to develop proper hospitals in York, Hull and Scarborough. ABH better used for ICC with small injury clinic
I think it's about £ and no consideration into the local community's care
My elderly mum fell and broke her wrist, I had to take her to Bridlington then Scarborough
If Alfred Besn still offered a good service, the X-ray and pot could have all been done there within a few hours.
Bring back our services !
We need The Alfred Bean Hospital more than ever now because of the growing population in Driffield.
Alfred Bean was a gift to the town. It should remain open providing the excellent care it always has done. Any proposed changes should be first consulted with the locals. It has the ability to provide care like no other area. Moving all community beds to Beverley was an ill managed decision made by people who had no idea how to provide quality care to the masses.
We should sack the Clinical Commissioning Group and spend the money saved on local services in Driffield.
2 comments if I may . . .
1) Podiatry is still operating from the Alfred Bean, but for how long?
2) It is adjacent to the Wound Clinic (I think) but the last two times I attended Podiatry, the Wound Clinic seemed completely closed and unmanned.
Should still have health services in driffield. More houses are being built in driffield so we need even more
Health services.
Town is getting bigger so needs the services from a hospital
The land land was given to the people of Driffield and the people should have a say in what happens, not be presented with a say after the decisions have been made
Devastating. As a nurse who, like all in local healthcare, is under immense pressure, the reduction in services makes our job harder. The town is growing exponentially, and it's facilities declining before our very eyes.
Think it's an absolute disgrace. Cottage hospitals were designed to care for community and save travelling times to bigger hospitals. Do hope we can work together to stop this site closing
I feel as the town gets bigger the need for a local hospital will grow, A and E departments at Hull and Scarborough are always asking for people not to attend as they are broken. Also transport to out of town hospitals is an issue.
Ridiculous we are building house all over the town an the town is growing in every way yet we close this fantastic hospital ... Only to build another plasterboard hospital in 5-10 years time ! Doesn't make sense we have a fantastic building with the facilities to have the town a fully functional hospital ! Doesn't make sense ridiculous decisions !!
I am very disappointed and upset. Now we have to travel to get treatment. Especially if you don't drive. I feel sorry for the elderly Especially
I believe it is a waste of a perfectly good hospital. It puts more pressure on the major trauma centres such as hull, if not you are sent to a busy Beverley hospital to wait all day with a minor injury. I dont understand why you would close a small local hospital as it could be particularly handy to the older generation as they may not want to drive into hull, this also saves time and makes more sense to just stay local.
The town is getting bigger and it needs a local hospital. Not everyone drives or has access to a vehicle. Alfred Bean is essential for Driffield residents.
Given the number of new houses being built in Driffield the town's infrastructure needs to be such as to meet the needs of the residents and that includes hospital services
As we have just moved in October to Driffield from york and moving to the new estate bellway we were delighted that we had a hospital round the corner . I had to go to Beverley for a scan on news years eve as was told that my local hospital no longer did it .
I think that it's a absolute crying shame if this hospital closes and the people loose out to something that's not really needed in the area . More people are coming to live in this area Driffield needs more drs surgeries and medical facilities
It's disgusting that Driffield is losing the Alfred Bean it's a lovely hospital that should carry on been used for clinics and specialist appointments, bring back the A & E. It's such a shame Driffield needs the Alfred Bean.

It shouldn't happen. Such a fantastic hospital. Well set out and great service. Stop closing down hospitals puts more strain on the hospitals that are left. The hospital in Beverley does very little and passes you on to Hull or Castle Hill so what is the point and again they have just a couple of beds. Keep them open and train up staff. Create some jobs. Keep Alfred Bean open

It's outdated and Beverley, Malton and Bridlington are near by.

With an increasing population it seems very shortsighted

I find it really difficult to think that our only options, as such a big town, is to travel 13+ Miles to the other hospitals which are just as equipped as what ABH once was.

We have a growing town and no services! No real maternity services and no minor injuries. Absolutely disgusting that we would have a purpose built place not being used as intended.

I think it's diabolic to close local hospitals and expect patients to travel to Hull, Castle Hill or Scarborough hospitals which are difficult to reach unless you have a car and even then they are 40 minutes to an hour journey even then.

Patients need access to local medical/hospital care.

Minor injuries is a vital service for any community . It saves clogging up the system to more urgent cases at bigger hospitals such as Hull Royal or Scarborough , the minor injury is treated quicker and out of the way . As opposed to long waits because it isn't an emergency . To close this facility is very short sighted in my view and not beneficial to the health system overall .

With the shortage of beds at the major hospitals , is there not a case for some kind of after operation convalescent care to take place more locally too , the roll for these smaller hospitals are at the moment being very underused . We need to take a much closer look at what the result of closing down these small community hospitals is and how much they could really do for the local community they were built to serve in the first place .

There are more and more new builds and estates being built within Driffield. However, they choose to close Alfred Bean, along with other essentials. Crazy when the population of the capital of the woods is increasing.

The action are thoughtless and give no consideration to the local communities needs. Dreadful People running the NHS now.

Makes it harder to get treatment etc especially for those that can't drive

Driffield has grown massively over the last few years yet out services are diminishing.

The hospital was given to driffield people and surrounding areas as a hospital

I think it's a shame for people who can't drive long distances, such as my grandparents who were frequent users of the outpatient services. A massive loss to Driffield

Lots of new houses built in Driffield and surrounding area and we shouldn't have to travel to Beverley and further a field!

Its absolutely ridiculous that we have a hospital but the minor injuries was closed and now outpatient. Driffield is expanding rapidly yet the infrastructure is not in place. There is no major hospitals within 45 minute drive. Bring back this important service

It's wrong , it's a long way for people to have to travel to see consultants or minor injuries and since Driffield has a large number of older people it's difficult and can cost NHS in transporting them to appointments.

Driffield is also a growing town and I believe it is justified to keep Alfred Bean open

As a growing town that is already oversubscribed at healthcare and dental providers, it is difficult to comprehend reducing facilities further

Lack of forward thinking. Minor injuries and outpatients appointments held there free services and parking at HRI

I feel that the people of Driffield should not be disadvantaged just because we are in a rural area. We all contribute or taxes to fund the NHS. However as an NHS nurse myself I don't believe that services should be commissioned if they are not going to be used. Furthermore we should be making the best use of the facilities we already have instead of building new hospitals. From my experience the Alfred Bean is a perfectly good facility

The public should be consulted rather than the hierarchy just making decisions as they are often out of touch with the struggles some patients face

Disgusting as Alfred Bean was given to Driffield and should remain as a hospital as not everyone has money to get transport to Scarborough or Hull and people want to be able to walk to their hospital .

Also not everyone has access to computers or even know how to use one

DRIFFIELD is growing and the hospital should remain open as people could be dead before they get to other hospitals and as the population of Driffield is growing it needs to stay as people do not want or can travel elsewhere.

Having to travel, not always possible, several miles to attend a packed A&E and many other services is ridiculous when there's a perfectly good hospital within walking distance for many. Alfred Bean minor injuries should never have been closed, it was a lifeline for many people, myself and my children attended it many times over the years. Taking services out of this hospital has made attending clinics next to impossible for many people. It's such a waste of a hospital that was gifted to the people of Driffield and surrounding area many years ago, it's about time we took it back!!!!

Driffield and its surrounding area is growing plus its elderly population is going which means getting to appointments further afield would be harder plus not everyone drives or has the finances for transportation to hospitals

Disappointed. Alfred Bean belongs to the people of Driffield , not the government so should be used to Benefit Driffield people. The population has and continues to grow so need also increases

It is disgusting that they are closing it. With all the new houses being built Driffield is expanding but the local amenities are decreasing. Driffield is supposed to be The Capital of The Woods and needs more Doctors, Dentists etc to be able to cope with the increase in demand.

Disappointed and immensely concerned for a growing population within the town who have a significant elderly cross section who would struggle to travel in a rural area to other locations

I have used the hospital for my own well-being and health services for many years as well as working for the NHS trust that run the hospital. I have a fortnightly clinic within the building that I use to see patients for mental health services. If the hospital closes it would mean my patients would have to travel to Bridlington to be seen. This isn't always practical for those with mental health issues.

In the 1980s we had 10 wards and operating theatre etc. I am guessing the population of Driffield has increased dramatically since then yet we have had nothing but closures.

Disappointed having moved here less than 2 years ago only to find level of health care is reducing.

Frustrated at the lack of public input, and that the needs assessment used to inform the decisions has not been published which may allow us to understand rationale

It's a vital service that is used by many. In an area that is growing in population we should be putting money into the service's not taking service's away

Really sorry to see this facility not being utilised to full capacity.

Very sad especially when the town is growing so fast

Its a hospital to be used as one what is the point in having a hospital sat unused when other city hospital are busy and have no spaces for patients ,and having a local hospital is much better for the elderly that dont drive and can easily get a taxi too

It's a disgrace, I believe the hospital was gifted to the residents of Driffield.

Disgraceful and disrespectful to the people of the town. Some things are worth more than money. Driffield needs the hospital.

I'm both shocked and saddened that we have lost a used and so needed NHS service. we so need our hospital for our ever growing town.

Driffield has a growing population with new housing.

GP practices are full and hard to access.

acute hospitals for old and vulnerable are a long way away.

bring back the bean

Disgusted

With the new housing areas been built I believe its paramount we have a functioning hospital.

Doctors, dentist, and schools are already overcrowded and I believe the town with the expansion requires a hospital which will be used

I am sad for the people of Driffield that we will have to go further afield for services that used to be available in the town.

Its unfair on people who don't have transport especially the elderly and disabled who have to travel many makes to a major city

Driffield is becoming too big and hospital is needed. Lots of older people who don't have transport need the hospital

I think it is extremely misguided given the growth rate of the town and surrounding villages. Surely this pandemic has shown how much we need all of the hospital resources.

Disgraceful tory culling

Not good. In the middle of a number of hospitals (Bridlington, Beverley, Scarborough, Hull, etc.) but all feel too far for an immediate emergency and for older people who perhaps lack the means to get there.

It's a disgrace and a dereliction of duty towards the people of Driffield, who were given that hospital.

Very disappointing, we need a Hospital Driffield isn't a small town anymore.

with so many new houses being built in Driffield we need a Hospital, I cannot understand why you have closed it down , I am having to go to York Hospital 1 hr away for a 5 minute appointment , Driffield Nurses could do what they have completed in York , so its not a case of going to Scarborough or Hull as these cannot do half the things they used to be able to do, I used to go to Hull and Scarbo for my issues but they now do not deal with kidneys, I am also a diabetic and used this hospital for my yearly eye test , where will I be going now ?

It is a crying shame that these places are being closed

As a business man in Driffield, I have used the hospital whenever myself or a work colleague has had an injury.
The way the town is growing it is vital we have the NHS in the town.
The time to travel to Hull or Castle Hill to get treatment is just unreal impossible to find anywhere to park.
I think if 1-2 days a week for Doctor and maybe a district nurse to see appointment patients from Driffield and say a 20 mile surrounding area
would take pressure off the beds in Hull Hospitals, also a great place to recover post operations. A good matron and a couple of good nurses in the Alfred Bean would take so much pressure off the Hull out patients, its common sense to use your resources, I am afraid that is not happening at this moment in time.
I think the hospital should be reopened fully, it was a perfect "cottage" hospital that was fantastic for rehab after surgery etc, it should be being used for covid recovery too, it would have made a massive difference to the care industry if people hadn't been sent to care homes to recover from covid! Also the lack of a minor injuries service in Driffield is ridiculous, it was a well run, well used service, and lots of people who don't drive etc now have to use the ambulance service and A&E at either Hull, Scarborough or York, this in my opinion is far too far to have to travel for a minor injury, the closest minor injury is either Beverley or Bridlington which is unacceptable, especially as the town is growing rapidly! The out patients department was also so much better than having to travel further afield, particularly during covid it would have been much safer and more sensible to use the Alfred bean hospital, I suffer with extremely poor health and getting to my numerous appointments is so much harder when I have to travel to other towns for regular checkups in multiple clinics that used to be run from the Alfred bean
Bestowed to the Driffield people, surely some 'community' services can be retained? Especially as the town continues to grow and be developed.
At a time when the pandemic has put extra pressure on health services it seems crazy to be shutting such services down.
Disgraceful. An ever expanding town needs the hospital and for minor injuries to return. Having to travel to Beverley or Bridlington puts more pressure on those hospitals and is very difficult for some people to get to. I have an appointment there in March and have not been informed it is closing!!
It is a great disservice to the area, it is apparent that more and more beds are needed and there was always the staff, it is made to look like there isn't as the trust move people to make it so. The ward was very handy for relatives to see family members and for patients to convalesce closer to home.
Outpatient services were also well used and well attended.
Having worked in the local area as a nurse for 40 years I retired from Alfred bean as the wound clinic sister previously along with day hospital. Sadly all services were slowly removed till we find we have nothing left. It is appalling and an ageing population needing care nearer home is a number one priority .
Ridiculous!
Completely disagree. Yet another example of rural community services being lost in favour of large city hubs. Feel the local community's views are never listened to.
With the population of Driffield growing with the new housing developments it is ridiculous closing health services.
Too many small towns are losing services. Our town of Driffield has got lots of new homes built and more being built all the time. That's good but it isn't good when we don't have the infrastructure to go with it.
To lose our lovely hospital as well is bad for us. It's an aging population so we need all the local services.
Not everyone can travel far or drive. Its convenient to be able to ask someone to take you. So why take something away from us what can be used greatly
Disappointed. Perfectly good hospital going to waste
We need more health care due to more housing being built.
Ageing population, not all can drive.
More housing in Driffield and surrounding areas, doctors hard to make an appointment, no A and E. we need it . What is our m.p doing?
We have too far to travel and it is making the waiting list longer to all go to the main hospitals
I think it is a terrible loss. Driffield is small community with a large amount of people who do not drive/have access to a vehicle and often need support driving to a hospital for appointments. I think closing the bean can result in increased and unnecessary calls to the emergency services, and attendance at A&E's which are already overrun. It also impacts on GP services and abilities to access appointments. Driffield is overall an older age population with increased need for easy access to appointments, particularly who may not drive/have access to transport for appointments.
I'm really sad on the closure of Alfred Bean. Myself and partner don't drive and three times we've had to get family to drive us either to Bridlington or Beverly hospital with our young son. I feel it's a burden to ring the 111 service when they are already over run. Many people are having to travel for care when there's a fully functional hospital now left empty. The town is growing in population yet the services are limited for the amount of people already. It's such a shame this has happened.
I think it is a retrograde decision as the town grows year on year and the needs of the people should come first. Elderly, infirm, and those without their own transport will all find difficulties having to travel long distances for treatment.
With the increase of housing/ population in this area I think it is important to have local facilities rather than having to travel.
Bad we have a lot of sports team with potential to have breaks and minor injuries was brilliant when my little girl dislocated her shoulder and they had the X-ray facility. I would quite happily pay a little more in my tax to have the service near by
get it fully open and optimised to it's full capacity
When Driffield population is growing Humber Trust and CCG are not interested in serving the community only making a profit.
Terrible news , I have a daughter and another baby on the way, I don't drive and I find it so hard to get to somewhere if they were to ever fall unwell. To open this back up would be absolutely fantastic and a god send to most and many in this very loved town. We need this hospital back now more than ever ! especially with all the new people moving here. We must accommodate.
Shocking. It is a much needed resource. I have elderly relatives who use Alfred Bean on a weekly basis.
Using local services is not only convenient it keeps the traffic out of the cities
Having 4 children we've frequently visited Minor Injuries which we've definitely missed. Amazing service
I think its disgusting to be honest driffield keeps getting bigger and bigger houses getting built yet we don't have the facility
Worrying, as Driffield grows it's services are closing.
A massive loss to local people when the wards we're open my Mum convalesced there for 10 weeks after major surgery my father was an inpatient and sadly my Auntie passed there, where her family could stay 24/7 to make sure she did not pass alone, the standard of care was exemplary. It was a very sad day when it closed
Think its a dreadful thing, services are needed now plus all the extra house building thats taking place shows the necessity.
Disgusting way to treat the people of Driffield and surrounding area
Think its a dreadful thing, services are needed now plus all the extra house building thats taking place shows the necessity.
I think it's disgusting. It used to be a wonderful hospital. Lovely staff that absolutely loved their jobs. We need our hospital in Driffield people need it, the older people need it if they can't drive, are frightened to go out of town. It's a long way to go to Bridlington, Beverley, Scarborough or Hull if you are in pain or bleeding. We need it to open.
We have an elderly population for whom travelling to Hull or Scarborough poses many difficulties.
If I had had to travel further afield for my minor injury I would not have gone. It turned out I needed antibiotics quickly as I had got a septic wound.
Annoyed. We got excellent service and treatment there. Will mean travelling further to another hospital. More people are moving into the area this hospital needs to stay open. Not everybody has a car to travel. Ridiculous.
It's disgraceful, the hospital was given to the people of Driffield a long time ago. It's a long way to other hospitals especially for old and vulnerable people.
Disappointed that the nearest treatment centres are now Beverley (who always send me on to hull royal anyway) and Scarborough and York. With the increase in houses being built in Driffield and a larger local population, shutting Alfred Bean makes absolutely no sense whatsoever!
It's a disgrace. The town is getting larger, we need services without having to travel miles and wait for months on end for appointments
Absolute waste of resources. It could be used to hold clinics as previously. This helps various age groups who have problems with transport, stops other hospitals clinic being too busy. It also is capable as a unit for people who are well enough not to be in hospital wards, but need extra care before they, re allowed home. This will free up vital beds elsewhere. Also minor injuries would and has been vital with all age groups to be seen quickly without having to call for help or possibly ambulances.
It is a huge loss to the community and the bigger picture is more people are now adding to Scarborough and Hull hospitals for small things instead of our local hospital being part of the community.
As a non driver the hospital was ideal. Over the years i have seen so many consultants and my family. There was and still is nothing wrong with it Driffield needs this hospital
It now makes patients have to attend other hospitals further away instead of been able to go to Alfred Bean. There is all the new builds around Driffield and more people living here now so having the hospital in our town is what we all need and not having to go elsewhere.
The hospital was donated to the people if driffield therefore the people of driffield should have had more say, driffield and rural is getting bigger with more population, we need this hospital as we're such a rural town
This hospital should never have been closed! The houses are going up around Driffield and we have to travel nearly 30 miles to our big hospitals
I think it's appalling that they want to close this fantastic hospital when Driffield is an ever growing town with lots of new build estates currently being built.
Not only that Driffield has a large proportion of people living here who fall into the elderly bracket and so don't drive or have easy access to transport so to lose this wonderful service and have to travel to Bridlington/ Beverley/Hull/Scarborough or York would not only be difficult for them but a travesty when there is a ready made building that could be staffed in Driffield that could administer to people's health needs. Not only that the hospital would provide healthcare to all the people living in the many surrounding villages in the area.
It's absolutely dreadful.
As a family with both young children and elderly parents it can be stressful having to travel further for appointments and services that could be done in Driffield.

As someone who lives alone, this creates a very difficult situation when accessing services elsewhere. I recently had to visit Beverley for an xray, that was fine as I was able to drive myself on that occasion as it wasn't a fracture, but at some point I'm going to need my overdue yearly Diabetic Retinal Screening which means potentially compromised vision for a number of hours after the procedure. I'm not sure how I'm expected to commute home safely after the event, and I'm fortunate that I can afford the public transport costs. For some a taxi or the expense of public transport makes a visit for vital medical intervention impossible. Access to care shouldn't come down to whether a person can afford to travel to it. It's little things like this that make the community hospitals invaluable. No-one is suggesting they should have the full services of the much larger facilities but the local clinics do have a purpose and do in my opinion mean that more people get the attention they need. If travelling to other facilities is fraught with barriers then how many simply don't bother meaning potential longer and more expensive treatments down the line, and possibly reduced life expectancy. A town of Driffields size, that is rapidly expanding should be having its services protected and the quality of offer enhanced, not stripped and reduced to nothing in the name of 'progress'. I think the current Covid situation is proving the worth of community facilities. I can picture the meeting when it was decided that a vaccination hub was needed and the penny dropped that a suitable facility was already there...

I believe that the number of new homes being built makes it imperative that we have a decent local hospital. Plus Alfred Bean hospital was given to the people of Driffield not the council. Recently Alfred Bean is being used for COVID-19 vaccinations providing an extremely safe environment for those giving the vaccinations and those receiving them.

I think it's so wrong that they are closing the Alfred bean hospital in Driffield, Driffield is now becoming bigger more people moving in why not let the local people run the hospital, instead of us all having to go to bev for a x ray why not do it in Driffield.

I feel it important to keep the alfred bean as we need it. Why take yet more services away from driffield? Why dont driffield and surrounding get a choice in this? Its ridiculous closing it when it is much needed. Also a pandemic going on

Completely thoughtless when the community is crying out for better health facilities. Both surgeries in Driffield are poor (Park Surgery very poor on customer service) and need additional support.

Its an absolute disgrace and who ever it is that have made this decision should be ashamed of themselves !!!!!

We need a hospital, what about the elderly having to travel, more strain on other hospitals, not everybody has a car.

I feel in the current climate, that the hospital could be opened to support and reduce the pressure on other minor injury units and hospital while Covid-19 is still present.

The minor injury unit was a fabulous service and has helped my family out many times. Now we have to travel further a field and I believe this puts more pressure on other hospitals and services.

I had major surgery recently and I start chemo therapy next week. I was informed I would be able to have my blood tests done at Alfred Bean and am not sure if that will happen now.

I believe the closure of health services is just another step towards Alfred Bean being closed for good even though its needed as Driffield and the surrounding villages are expanding

I feel it will be a great shame, why shut down a perfectly good hospital ?

I have a small child and having to travel far when I don't drive to take him to hospital is a nightmare

More new houses being built in and around Driffield. Makes to keep open for a multitude of medical uses including COVID vaccine, which we will need in the future

Very concerned as I now have to rely on others to get me to clinics etc and it isn't as convenient I don't like putting family out .

Extremely saddened especially since we lost ergh and they has ALL facilities!!

Ridiculous to close facilities in a rural setting. Short sighted

We need something for the OAP instead of travelling miles

The medical centre is trying to expand. Perhaps the ccg should let them use Alfred bean

This place was vital to the community and local rural areas. Especially when told I need to get to the nearest hospital ASAP and 111 told me I had to go to either Scarborough or Hull because that is the only one recognised on their system! Sorted at Alfred Bean 5 minutes

Disgraceful. Especially for those without family to transport

Absolutely ludicrous, considering all the new buildings going up . We need a local hospital now more than ever .. Why should we have to travel when we have a ready made hospital on our doorstep that should never ever have been downgraded .. The care there was unbelievable, such dedicated staff in all areas .

Very sad

Absolutely disgusted. We have lived here 20 years. We had a fully functioning minor injuries hospital, with two convalescence wards and many visiting consultants. Driffield is getting bigger year on year and it is disgraceful that our hospital has been sacrificed. The lid should be ready-unstated as a fully operational minor injuries with x-Ray, wards and visiting consultant clinics. This would reduce waiting times at Hull, Scarborough, Beverley and Bridlington. Not would be also stop an ageing population having to travel. Older people could convalesce close to home so loved ones could visit. BRING BACK OUR HOSPITAL!!

Closure equals greater distance to travel for medical appointments or minor injuries.

I think with Driffield's expanding population, a small well run hospital is needed and shouldn't be closed. Not everyone is able to travel to appointments .

Sad, Anxious that more and more hospitals are closing putting pressure larger Hospitals.

We moved to Nafferton because of the access to Alfred Bean. I have a disability and at risk of falls so it gave security knowing help was close by. Physio there has been accessible where it would have been difficult to get to otherwise and my daughter is autistic and phobic of hospitals. The size and calm of Alfred Bean meant she could have treatment without the trauma a bigger place would be. Its crazy to close access to essential services when the population is expanding and we are in a rural location. I can not use public transport and Alfred Bean was accessible by my mobility scooter or affordable by taxi. It would make me delay treatment if have to ask for help getting to other places.

Totally disagree. Elderly and those who can't drive are limited for services such as these

It's a disgrace we need it .

Sad loss

I am born and bred in driffield. In the 40 years the service has just dwindled down to nothing. The town has grown so much and so has the surrounding area and we now don't have any easy access to hospital treatments. Everything is either Beverley or hull royal for emergency care and in some situations wouldn't be possible ie nor being able to drive due to an injury. Chest xrays that take 5 minutes now is a half hour journey to Beverley or further and back.

We could have had a local covid ward to take pressure off elsewhere or even a convalescent ward for recovery or being moved into social care to free more space in other hospitals. It wont be long before the place is knocked down and the land sold to a developer for housing in an area already lacking in services for the growing population.

Many in Driffield see the loss of a hospital in the town as a disadvantage to the locality. However having worked in Healthcare for a number of years I can see the disadvantages to having any kind of outpatients unit or minor injuries unit in the current building being a challenge. Times have moved on, Healthcare has moved on but the Alfred Bean has not - it's a timewarp building - The greatest challenge for anyone dealing with the future of the building and its use is that Driffield like most towns has grown and the general infrastructure and facilities in the town hasn't moved with the times. Give CHCP involvement to date, I'm disappointed in a way to see that the local GP practices haven't clubbed together to developed the building/site into a Polyclinic either with the GPs in the town pooling resources to offer better overall healthcare to the town and wider community or something similar with CHCP (albeit I'm well aware they exist primarily to serve the needs of Beverley and Hull for the CCG)

We have no accident and emergency in East Yorkshire, nearest is hull and Scarborough. This is shocking , an over 20 mile drive to either.

The people of Driffield and local area need their own services, especially with the huge increase in residents from new build housing

It is a disgrace they are building more housing and we have less facilities than ever

This hospital was to replace the old general hospital, so we had a modern alternative so that the growing community didn't have to travel to Scarborough or hull for treatment thus putting more pressure on these already stretched services, i don't understand why this growing town hasn't got basic hospital services, more homes are being built at an alarming rate with little medical emergency services available to the families living here

More & more housing is being built in Driffield therefore more residents who will need to use medical services. Our doctors surgeries are stretched as it is & it's not always easy to get to hospitals in Hull or Beverley, especially for the elderly, those with chronic illnesses that need regular care or single parent families etc.

I feel after today's , Heath Sec, stating that they want a more local set up with local councils ,GPs , and social services , I feel strongly that Alfred Bean who be ideal to take on this roll as it is a central location in the rural community that should not have to travel 20 miles plus for appointments .

Disgusting

Disbelief

It's absolutely ridiculous. Driffield is increasing in terms of people yet services like Alfred bean are being closed leaving the residents of Driffield at greater risk. The councils thinking of the money and not the people, it's absurd.

Driffield has a growing population and a substantial elderly pool.

Everyone is expected to travel further and wait longer for appointments. Not everyone has ready access to personal transport so life is being made more difficult and stressful.

My don has regularly attended appointments for his hearing since he was 3 now 11 at Alfred Bean, it seems ridiculous that we will now have to take a day away from school (when already so much time has been lost) to travel 40/45 minutes to Hull just to attend a 15 minute appointment.

Driffield is also an ever growing town with so many sports teams, it seems stupid that anyone with an injury has to travel out of Driffield and put on other hospitals that have their own sports teams which then causes hours

Utter disappointment

Alfred Bean Hospital must remain open with AE, walk in surgery and other services such as x-ray and minor injuries. We need these services in Driffield.

The town is growing rapidly and needs local hospital services for residents to avoid unnecessary travelling to already overwhelmed city hospitals.

Sad loss to the town. Always received quality care at Alfred Bean. Town is expanding putting extra pressure on existing resources

My feelings are strong - we have to travel a long way to get any treatment- it's not always easy to get to other places as it is locally!!

Its disgusting to close Alfred Bean as there are more and more people coming to live in Driffield and there are a lots of elderly and disabled people who don't have transport to go further a field. Please don't shut Alfred Bean

If they can't keep it open as a hospital then maybe turn it into a GP surgery, keeping minor injuries and X-ray. Driffield is a growing town and the Gp services in Driffield are struggling to cope with the influx of new people. 400+ new homes have been built but the services stay the same size. Makes no sense being

Driffield is getting bigger and bigger with no hospital or services a lot of people don't drive so how do they get to the Hull/Scarborough

Area getting bigger, services shrinking, how does that work? Too far to other resources, roads not great. Nearly cut top of my thumb off, couldn't stop it bleeding, try driving like that to Bridlington, in tears all the way, not good
Very sad. It was my understanding the land was bequest to the residents for the sole purpose of a hospital. Even if that is not the case, however, the facility is THERE so we should be using it!!!
It's an absolute disgrace that a town which is growing at such a pace, has its services diminishing, and with an aging population, having to travel for their healthcare often 59 miles around, with parking charges on top is appalling.
A town that is expanding all the time but losing its services makes no sense.
With the increase in new house builds obviously increased footfall, travelling to Hull or indeed Scarborough for treatment is very poor
With Driffield's population growing like it is we need a better medical service.
Two doctors surgery that must be overflowing with patients.
This is a ridiculous idea, the town and villages are bigger than ever before, and local hospitals are very much needed now more than ever, bring back our local hospital
I was always told that Alfred Beann Hospital was donated to the town and therefore how can the closure be justified
With an ever growing population in the town, local health facilities at Alfred Bean are vital. I used the minor injuries unit there whilst visiting my parents who live in Driffield as my daughter fell off the bed and we wanted to make sure she hadn't hurt herself. If the unit hadn't been there at that time it would have meant a trip to other already over stretched facilities further afield.
Poor, no close resources to our village now, have to travel to Beverley, Bridlington, Scarborough or Hull. They should also reinstate the X-ray dept there too
Disgraceful..
Need it so many new houses and people who have come to live here we want to show them Driffield can be great again
I think it's disgusting, there are more and more houses been built and more people living in Driffield and yet we have no health services as such, it's a joke.
I think it's disgusting, the town and nearby villages are getting bigger. I moved from bridlington and this hospital was way better than bridlington hospital, straight in, x-rayed, straight out, no messing. It will be a huge loss to the town. I for one do not want to be going to brid or hull if I need a hospital.
To be honest no matter how much we protest this government will not listen
The NHS would benefit from the sale to a developer.
Ridiculous.
Driffield has an increasing population and needs all the services that Alfred bean used to offering
I'm prepared to travel in order for the NHS to save money.
Minor injuries should never have gone. Having used the service for myself and my children. It was a relief that they were near by. I don't drive but I've always managed to get there quickly when (especially with children) it was needed. Always had quick and brilliant care, which as a mother was a massive relief.
Driffield has an ageing population who are unable to travel to Scarborough, Hull and Bridlington for care. There is a very good hospital already set up at Alfred Bean Hospital for outpatient clinics. Having to travel too far for Minor Injuries and X-Ray is ridiculous when these facilities were well used at Alfred Bean Hospital.
Appalling!!!!!!
We will be totally lost without AB, our town is growing and too many people are in need of all the services that have been taken away. Please bring back our Hospital especially now with all what's going on now in the World. Thankyou
I am so disappointed by the closure of Alfred Bean Hospital. With the regenerating of the town, the extra housing and the building within town itself, to entice people to come and live in the town, it seems ludicrous that they would do away with a vital component of the mechanics to make the town prosper. Not only is this putting more pressure on outlying hospitals it also puts Driffield and surrounding residents under more strain, anxiety and risk trying to travel to alternative destinations ie Hull Royal
The town is growing at a tremendous pace with all the new housing estates shooting up. Yet facilities are being cut at an alarming pace! These two main points are unmanageable, we also have a large portion of elderly in the town and surrounding villages who need access to closer medical support and the ward was a must for palliative care or rehabilitation.
It is shocking we have to travel more than 20 miles for an A&E, that's if you have transport. the town is growing more and more houses are being built. so much easier to go to clinics locally than take a full day to go to hull or scarborough for an appointment. if there is an emergency ambulances are so busy, if they don't use it what they going to do sell it off and build more houses doesn't make sense. it was given to the town its our hospital.
Driffield is a growing town and needs healthcare amenities. Surely treating people in their locality makes more sense than asking them to travel for what can sometimes be a 10minute consultation. This is particularly important when we live in an older population, where some people may not be able to drive for either medical/age/unqualified reasons. This entails either pressure on the transport system or individuals spending double the time travelling due to substandard public transport
It's always Driffield and the coastal strip which loses out.
It would make sense to keep open to take the pressure off the NHS
With Driffield and the rural area growing as more housing is built, taking away vital services that the community uses and needs is ridiculous.
Part of the fashion for closing small hospitals and concentrating health services in huge ones: pleases senior management but not in fact wise.
Alfred bean hospital has demonstrated how much it is required in the wolds area by the covid 19 vaccinations. This facility was used to its potential, on an easily accessible route from all the local areas with bus stops and parking. The out patients service has always been brilliant again saving older people the distress of longer journeys in unfamiliar areas
Driffield schools alone need access to emergency services for the safety of all school pupils
The Town is growing yet we are offering less and less facilities and unfortunately people are neglecting issues that need addressing due to having to travel to Hull or Scarborough, the beds for convalescing would have certainly helped when my father was dying, driving to Scarborough every day with my 91 yr old mother to visit was sometimes unbearable
It's a disgrace, more and more homes are being built which increases the need for local hospital services.
It is sad and such a terrible loss for Driffield's older residents who have no transport.
Personally I think the closure of health services in Driffield is a terrible idea. This is a growing town and with an ageing population any loss of services will lead to a decline in the quality of life for Driffield's residents. The Covid pandemic has proved what a useful asset it is to have as it has allowed for the rapid vaccination in situ of a lot of the wider areas residents. If anything, I believe services which have already been lost should be returned. Although it is a number of years ago when the wards were there, it was so much better for patients and family members. My grandfather was on the ward there recovering from a broken hip for a number of months. If he had been elsewhere it would have been much harder for my grandmother to visit him. I also found the quality of care when the wards were there was exemplary.
The Alfred Bean hospital was built for the people of Driffield and should remain that way in perpetuity.
Driffield is an expanding town who are a long drive from the larger hospitals. A minor injuries unit would be well placed in Driffield and save wasted trips to the larger hospitals.
Hospital are over stretched as it is and more and more people are being forced to go there. Waiting times are getting longer, public transport is getting less and people are struggling to get the care they need. We need local services especially Alfred Bean to help local people and the NHS from crumbling.
As the town expands, we need essential services. To attend any clinics elsewhere mean that I have to take a 1/2 day off work. When my son had glue ear, I lost two days of holidays attending clinics elsewhere. Beverley and Bridlington both have hospital services, it's unacceptable to leave Driffield short.
Patients and carers do not always have their own transport and are not always able to get to hospitals further away
The town is growing with all the housing being built but our NHS services are deminishing. Many people are either elderly or have young children and don't have transport? Trying to access hospital services which are all out of town is horrendous. Speaking from personal experience
Driffield is only going to get bigger due to all the new housing estates going up. And the local GPs are already struggling. We need more access to local health care.
Health services are closing while New housing being built Driffield is expanding, this does not make any sense
Absolutely disgusted that a town the size of Driffield has no hospital.
The Town is only going to get bigger
I'm gutted as Hull and Scarborough are a long way. Even Beverley, Cottingham and Bridlington are quite a distance when not well, or for procedures.
Driffield is growing constantly and the medical infrastructure can barely cope !!
There is an ever increasing population in Driffield with houses been built for families but no increase in schools, doctors, dentists and hospital facilities
Once we have lost this facility, it will never return. It's an ideal place to bring a lot of services together that would support a growing community. Mental health, continuing physio and occupational health, podiatry, chiropody, dietician, to name but a few. It's usage is only limited to its size and lack of vision.
Very sad Driffield is growing at a very fast rate we need to access NHS services locally. I don't drive so have to get public transport everywhere, this is not right for the people of Driffield
Just very sad as it's a growing town and much needed
Ridiculous, with a growing and aging population we need more not less NHS support in the area.
I feel that closing this service was an idiotic decision, Driffield is growing in population, when out of hours we have to go to Hull, Beverley or Scarborough, even for something that is minor and dealt with locally. Reinstating Alfred Bean means more jobs for the NHS, they have done such a wonderful job in this testing time of our lives, the doctors are very stretched in Driffield and appointments are very difficult to get these days. Even if it went back to a minor injuries 0800-2200 it would help stop the overcrowding in Hull or Scarborough, less stress and journey times on ambulance drivers, which will aid in a quicker service. Also it would be quicker for local people.
As a Driffield resident, mother of 3 young children, who does not drive, I have found it difficult having to commute to Beverley etc for things such as minor injuries since its closure at Alfred Bean hospital.
Terrible we are an ever growing town yet they take essential services away and put extra pressure on other hospitals who are already struggling
It's a great loss to our community. Lots of people now have to use public transport to travel out of area for appointments and minor injuries. Now the town is getting larger with new developments, we need our hospital more than ever

Alfred Bean left the hospital to the people of Driffield and with all the massive house estates been built I think it is required
Sad, these facilities should be kept at all costs. Some people don't have transport,
With the town growing at a fast rate and doctor's surgeries struggling to cope with a large influx of people requiring appointments keeping Alfred Bean open is of paramount importance . Also with a large number of people, both old and young lacking the means of travelling long distances both during the day and night this facility is an essential commodity for Driffield and local areas . We are constantly told how fully stretched our main hospitals are surely diverting a large number of patients away from them to be treated locally would help reduce their workload .
When I have to have drops into my eyes due to diabetes
I have to travel to Bridlington but you can't drive after having the drops in so have to get someone to take me or go by bus and everyone there seems to be from driffield so wouldn't it be better to keep our services at
It is ludicrous. It is a lovely hospital such a waste. It's going to make waiting times longer at the hospitals that are staying open even longer. Poor vulnerable older people that can no longer drive are going to become reliant on hospital transport which is no good for their health having to be picked up hours before their appointments then waiting hours to get brought back home. As a carer I see first hand the upset of getting hospital transport causes. We need our hospital
We desperately need them. Travelling to Scarborough, especially in winter is a hardship.
Disappointed.
AB should become a Doctors surgery, dentist , physiotherapist, X ray department, everything medical that's useful for the people of Driffield
It's ridiculous
The town is growing at a rapid pace and services need to be kept local.
It was a wonderful service as someone who cannot drive it gave me access to services and independence for myself and my family now. I have to spend a whole day travelling to numerous hospitals. Most don't have a decent public transport and you can ride three buses or a train and a bus, lose a days work or a full day of education . With an ageing population and a decreasing bus service. People are being restricted vital services. If you can drive then great but I've nearly died twice because I haven't been able to get to a 111 centre or a hospital and our local hospitals are Scarborough and York. With Driffield expanding and I've said this before why wasn't it made a hub this area is large and Driffield is expanding so fast we could of had a doctors dentist and physio hub like half those in Hull that have been built. It could have hospice beds extra. Crazy to knock a building down and waste a good resource building that people use and want
Depriving our growing town of the basic facilities is awful. Now if we are injured we have to drive 15 miles at least. Consultant appointments are now at Hull instead of Driffield.
It was so handy for me to see my lung specialist rather than go all the way to castle hill and when I lived in driffield I used this hospital a lot
Driffield and surrounding areas are growing, it just seems so ridiculous that we have to travel so far for services that we're freely available in Driffield.
Driffield is a town with many elderly who are having to travel far when often they cannot drive for healthcare. It was a huge asset to the town and many are suffering without.
Very bad that things keep closing and more people have to travel a lot further for things they used to be able to walk for. These also take extra time and money
disagree to closure
Real disappointment and despair not for myself but for the elderly, disabled, lonely people often without transport, the internet or support.
A real loss to Driffield and surrounding area.
Disgusted that they are going to close it. We need the Alfred Bean in Driffield as has been shown recently.
With an ever growing population the Town's medical facilities cannot cope at the moment and it will only get worse.
Very saddened.
Driffield is a growing community and the hospital provides vital services especially clinics and minor injuries. It could also be used for respite care and for people coming out of hospital
I think that it is disgraceful that such a facility is being side lined when the town is rapidly expanding
These local hospitals are a lifeline to many people in the community and should remain open to provide an essential service for those people who are unable to travel or have built up relationships with their local hospital staff.
With the lack of hospital beds its seems ridiculous to have a facility that can be utilised go to waste.
With the growth of driffield surely we need our hospital , it should never be closed .. have anyone thought of putting a doctor's surgery in there cause that would be useful .. cause we definitely need another one ..
Our population is growing due to all the houses being built but we are being sent further afield for services. I have no transport of my own so need to rely on public transport. When my aunt got bitten the local surgery wouldn't help and we were expected to get on a bus whilst she was bleeding and in shock. Unacceptable.
This is a bad move and one that will be bad for driffield and surrounding villages
I recently lost my friend to cancer and I would have appreciated him being in Alfred Bean for end of life care so we could easily see him every day. It breaks my heart that he couldn't have the same chance that my grandparents did. ALSO property development is going through the roof in our area, and we're shipping them off to Hull and Scarborough hospitals, putting more strain on their services when we're bang in the middle with a purpose-built building! We could offer so much in terms of care, jobs for local people and it's on an accessible bus route for our elderly community. It's demise is questionable, because if you used the 111 service, Driffield was never offered as an option to go to, which gave those in power the opportunity to say it's not being used and therefore should be closed! This is disgusting and immoral.
There are more and more houses being built, more elderly in this town than average and in need of health services local. Not everyone has access to transport.
The town keeps growing more housing and people and yet we are losing vital services, Alfred bean should be used more not got rid of
We are all going to have to travel more than 10 miles for any treatment
I think it's ridiculous that a growing town like Driffield is without a hospital, I have two young children that are both asthmatics including myself and an a and e is now at Bridlington or Beverley... it's a way to drive with poorly children, we have the resources so why not use them, Driffield is a bigger population now with the new housing developments but now we haven't got a hospital, it doesn't make sense at all
This week is the perfect example bad weather and I have to now travel for appointments which were at Driffield. Having to use public transport is a nightmare I feel for any less mobile person.
The town is growing we need the hospital I am old enough to remember when Driffield had a proper hospital wards operating theatres etc.
I have used this hospital numerous times as a non driver it is easier to access
It's appalling
Health is put at risk having services so far away
Traffic and parking the city is bad enough
Please think of the rural community and the difficulty people face travelling
There is not enough services for the people in the town. Not everyone can travel to obtain minor injury treatment and the doctors surgery is not designed for this. Keep local services for local people
It's absolutely ridiculous, there's more housing being built which means an increase in local population yet no increase in the infrastructure (gp's and schools) to cope with demand.
If someone hasn't got personal transport they have to find their way to Bridlington or Beverley which is costly if out of hours as the only option would be a taxi.
Ridiculous so many new houses being built and no hospital. Falls, broken bone, sprains, if you don't have a car how on earth can you go on a bus in that state. Small children hurt and very upset having to travel then sit and wait hr's instead of just staying in town to be seen to. Same for OAP's. this town must have some thing.
It's ridiculous when there is such a strong need for the physio department, the memory clinic , pain management, x minor injuries etc , when Driffield is constantly growing in residence , we have quite a few care homes x many elderly residents, who can't manage to travel miles to a major hospital. making what should be an hour out of their day take 5hrs plus waiting to be seen , the cost of travel . We as a family have used the minor injuries unit a few times , then had to travel to Scarb or Hull x waited 5-6 hrs in A xE till been seen after it was closed .
I was born in Alfred Bean , I've had my pre natal checks there , been to see my RA specialist there for years , but no no more . Had my mum at the memory clinic , seen her mental health specialist there . They are an
Disappointed local to the area and will be need for all the extra development in the area not good for anybody in Driffield that has at the moment having to travel to Beverley or brid just to go to minor injuries etc and for the elderly who have no mode of transportation.
I think for such a large area the services are poor and having to travel 10+ miles to see anyone who you still have to arrange an appointment.
The town is growing with all these new houses, so it makes sense to keep the Alfred Bean as a local NHS hospital. Perhaps one or both of the GP's practices would move here too and carry out minor ops. It would be much easier to park there and the local town bus drives by during the day Monday to Friday. The excuse I have heard is that they cannot find staff for this site. I don't know if that is true specifically to this location.
Disappointed, now we will have o travel further for our medical needs which would have been unnecessary if Alfred Bean was stil open fully
A dreadful waste of community care opportunities.
More people having to travel many miles adding to the air pollution.
We require more health services, even more so with a growing community and current situation.
Driffield is becoming larger in size and population, Alfred Bean was a well used resource that should be reinstated ASAP.The loss of the resources provided force people to use other hospitals who are already overstretched ,transport devices to be used and waiting lists to be overstretched.
It's appalling, there is an aging population and moving outpatient services to places that are miles away is detrimental. If they are having to organise patient transport services regularly then this is a drain on NHS resources.
My sons paediatrician appointments were held here, we now have to drive all the way to hull royal to be seen. I myself am at high risk from Covid and do not want to be going into any large hospital currently so we are having to do appointments by phone.
Major things and out patient should be at bigger hospitals were they have all the doctors and equipment. The urgent care centre is a good thing to have local and I voted for that when the council tried had to save it and I the idea of the integrated care is good too so I would like to vote for that but there iS no option here to do it
Driffield is an ever growing town and needs local facilities including Minor Injuries for the school children and elderly patients.

Totally disgusted!
We should be expanding services in this are not reducing them. I sold my car to reduce my carbon footprint but whats the point when the powers to be are funneling us all to the cities for treatment. No wonder so many
It's just silly, we need it, I've used it for my children and myself!! It's easy accessible and never had a bad experience!!
The area around Driffield itself have continued to grow. I know in town there is at least another 1500 house proposed over the next year or so and currently the town cannot cope with its tiny resources.
I feel the hospital was gifted to the town folk, so should stay open & not sold off. It belongs to Driffield
With the building of numerous houses in Driffield the nhs services are being pushed to breaking point. Alfred Bean is very convenient for the growing older population who find it di to travel to other hospitals.
It's disgusting , this hospital may not be a major hospital to some but it is for those in this area , more houses are being built but for those buying and those already here there is a lack of medical support , not everyone can drive but Alfred Bean is just perfect , people didn't want to have to travel up to an hour to sit in an over crowded hospital where they are just a number they want a caring and comforting environment where they feel safe . I used Alfred Bean many times over the years as my 1st port of call , riding accidents, kids getting hurt, etc this is very much needed for driffield and the local villages especially at a time where your not ment to travel far . My parents have used it for specialist checkups instead of having to travel to Hull.
If you don't want to improve driffield by giving back our hospital then stop building more housing estates and expanding our population .
It should NOT be closed. They saved my life when I had a heart problems. It provides a much needed service to the growing population. It saves people young and old driving for hours or getting expensive transport to other hospitals. When my father in law was at near death taking him on a three hour round trip journey in the car to get him to outpatients was truly awful and painful to the extreme!!
It's a waste of a beautiful building and it would help other hospitals if people didn't have to travel so far
It was disappointing when the minor injuries closed. Had to travel twice to Beverley for different injuries. Wanted to see rheumatologist and orthopaedics at Alfred Bean but nothing offered. Was given appointment at Malton centre and also attended Brid/Beverley. Why does Malton have more facilities than an actual hospital based in Driffield. With expansion of Driffield population better community and hospital services should be more readily available than travelling. This pandemic has flagged up the need for local access.
I think it is an absolute shambles. It is a nessasary service in Driffield and one us towns folk want back!! I can't get to Bridlington or Beverly so now I'm stuck!!!
I feel that it is important to maintain these essential hubs of local services. This has been further highlighted during the Covid 19 pandemic. Not everyone has the ability to travel out of town. I think there is a missed opportunity to use the AB buildings as a 'one stop shop' for a wide range of health, community and charity organisations, to reduce overlap, work more efficiently and have a more joined up approach.
The town is expanding with many new housing estates being built. There is a need for this to support the town plus the many, many rural villages in the area without those needing to travel longer distances to major towns
Please don't close another local hospital
Ridiculous not to use this building fir a range if medical services, given the location and rural areas served
It's needed for the elderly and disabled people who find having to travel are having to use hospital transport having this hospital cud save the NHS a lot of money
Shouldn't happen !!!!!!!
I've read the GP services in Driff are increasing and other services will be available at Alfred Bean so I'm happy with that. Things like hospital beds should stay in the big hospitals what have all the best equipment.
It's a shame that having a hospital here we always have to travel long distances to go somewhere else. I'm lucky I drive but if not I don't k ow how would I manage
I think it is absolutely disgraceful
.. cannot understand why this step has been taken when there are so many housing estates going up
This is a disgrace. Driffield is getting bigger but forcing people to do a round trip of at least 44 miles for outpatients . Disgusting it is being left empty.
It was a fantastic facility used by all of my family and extended family at one time or another. My sporty daughter used the minor injuries frequently and we used the out of hours doctors there a lot too. I have attended clinics there as have both my parents. It needs to be reopened and used a lot more.
Absolutely shameful, this would be so beneficial for older people so they don't have to travel far ,especially those out in the country.I had two major operations here and my two children were born here could not fault this as a hospital. It needs to be up and running again ..Don't let it fall by the wayside .
Terribly sad losing a local treasure - however way back early 80' s major services transferred out of area to Hull amd Scarborough so used to getting service out of area ! Trusts have eroded services over the years no surprise they closing it !
Discussed worried that we will have to travel to hull scarborough or York for treatment.do not think how hard it is for transport.iwas born in Driffield so the hospital has done a lot for my family.
I am disappointed that with a ever expanding town, our healthcare provision is being diminished
It doesn't affect me too much but I feel for the elderly who now face journeys to Beverley / Hull
Utterly disgusting. My father worked there for 30!years . I had operations at Driffield . My 11 month old daughter died in that hospital. Stop this nonsense of sending every one to castle hill or Hull royal
Madness
Complete disregard for the inhabitants and ever growing population
All community health services should be supported as much as possible. Understandably, finances are always an issue, however, in a rural community, these outlying services are invaluable.
We need more care in Driffield for any illness. The town and villages around Driffield is growing at such a fast pace yet the facilities are getting less and less. The town cannot cope with doing away with the Alfred Bean it needs to be opened up and extended even more
Perfectly good hospital, we are so lucky to have a place like that..let's use it !!
Shocked. I feel it's all been pre-planned for a long while.
I think as the town grows and grows we should be offering more services not less
It's sad that we have such a lovely space that could be utilised much better to help the NHS not hinder it.
Great loss to the town, not everyone can travel.
It's a small hospital ideal for the elderly population in Driffield not everyone can get to the larger hospitals I have had Several treatments here and been very satisfied
Wast of a good hospital
Travel problems. For both patients and staff
Time to get treatment
Bad weather conditions.
Larger hospitals very busy, Minor injuries at ABH again would relieve this.
As Driffield and surrounding areas are ever growing we need the facilities more and more. It's a vital unit for so many
I think its vital we have our hospital back especially now with covid our nearest hospital is hull royal but having Alfred bean would stop the need to travel so far especially if anything happened with my children it is vital we need our hospital
I think it's disgusting. At a time where every hospital ward, bed and service is needed they close things down. People like me also don't have cars or the money to use public transport to get to Beverley or Bridlington never mind Hull
Heartbroken and cannot understand the logic!!
There is a growing population in Driffield as a consequence of the new builds and not everyone had transport or funds to travel to Hull or Scarborough
I like the idea of the integrated care services as described in the Driffield paper. Specialist treatment are better provider at the bigger hospitals even if that means travelling but putting together all the clinics and social care services into the Alfred bean makes great sense and will benefit lots of people - especially young families and old people
With an ever expanding town i think its vital to have hospital services closer than either hull, Scarborough or York. With 4 young children I know I would feel more comforted with having a minor injuries unit and out patient service in our town. I would definitely use them if they were there
As a single mum to 4 children I have needed to go to hospital quite a few times. I don't drive so would have been much easier to go to Alfred bean. A few times I had to go to Bridlington on the bus with my son who had injured his foot . He had to hop for us to get there. This should not happen.
The recent pandemic has shown how important it is to have another unit that can administer medical services. The hospitals should be relieved of some of their crowded clinics and allow this unit to carry on functioning and serving the local needs.
Absolutely devastated, I will not manage to travel to Hull/Brid/Beverley hospitals for my outpatients appointments.
It's just not fair
We shouldn't be taking away local services when the town and surrounding villages are growing. We need more local accessible Health services not fewer. We need Health services in the heart of our community so that needs can be locally where possible.
The ER CCG is a disgrace. They've closed Hornsea Hospital completely, leaving only volunteers working out of a shed on a supermarket car park to administer care for minor injuries. They are doing the same to Driffield. They seem to have no idea of the health needs of residents in rural communities.
Strongly disagree with the decision. Along with other villagers, time was spent fund raising to keep this facility. Whilst we have not needed it since our children grew up, we do know there may be a time when we ourselves need the service.
We need to keep it open

I feel that local health services are vital in rural areas such as the East Riding.
Many older people are unable to use the (somewhat sporadic) bus services to places further away, and taxis are financially prohibitive.
It's crazy. Local services for minor injuries, wound care, x-rays and ultrasound are so much more efficient, time saving and pleasant: especially for old people. The trek to Hull Royal is really difficult for many people as public transport doesn't support it and taxi's are too expensive for most.
Any closure of health services is a serious worry to everyone - we can't all travel the long distances to major centres - of course for serious special treatments but local care services being eroded are a cut too far
The population of Drifffield, and surrounding villages, is growing at quite a rate. Several large housing developments have recently been built with more on the way. Closing a vital health service such as Alfred Bean is quite frankly ridiculous. Incredibly poor planning. It would be a waste of money in the long term to close it, only to need another small hospital in the future when Drifffield urgently requires it due to its population boom. The council need to be smart and hang on to such a valuable resource because it WILL be needed soon, even if it wasn't before. If this pandemic has taught us anything it is that we need to be smarter with our resources and retain vital services for our communities. Alfred Bean is a wonderful asset, please retain and support it!
It provides such a vital service for both local and outlying villages, I will be very sad to see this hospital close, we need more community hospitals not less.
This is typical of a government which cares more for money than people. It is typical of a government that has cut services to the bone (pardon the pun) over many many years. Where is our MP, who has repeatedly said he supports Alfred Bean Hospital, and what is he doing to help?
I haven't used Alfred Bean but it serves a large area of East Yorkshire and its closure will mean patients having to travel long distances for care. Some will be unable to do this. There should have been proper community consultation.
I imagine it's necessary to ensure the provision of core services elsewhere in the trust. There probably is a reason but it's good to share that with local people who might not have transport.
The loss of any medical service is a tragedy, older people, people on benefits, or a low income can't afford to travel to receive health care. I know several people who have to travel to York, Beverly or Hull to receive ongoing health care and have real problems with being able to travel. In other parts of the country this is often just not necessary as the services are provided locally. It saves lives to offer services locally.
I think it's unacceptable for towns like Drifffield and Bridlington not to have proper hospitals. We shouldn't have to travel to Scarborough, Hull or York in an emergency or for outpatient services.
There seems to be a shortage of healthcare facilities in the East Riding of Yorkshire already!! The population, particularly in Bridlington, is elderly, so any future further closures would be detrimental to these people. I haven't personally had to go here as yet, but if I need to in future and the service isn't provided, where would I end up? It doesn't make any sense to close hospital wards and departments as they are going to be needed!
Proper NHS funding restore the 63 % cuts imposed by this government. Make the NHS providers responsible to Parliament. No privatisation. Remember Thatcher promised to destroy the NHS by stealth in her manifesto.
There are many frail and elderly people living in and around Drifffield which is a rural area. Nearest hospital facilities which are overrun are at York, Scarborough and Hull. People in this area will not be able to access routine health support services unlike people living in large towns and cities.
More local services are better for patients, ie less travelling for them and the people who may visit and support them. Parking can be a nightmare at city hospitals. So closing the services in Drifffield means more time travelling and cost.
I went to this Hospital recently for my Corona Vaccine. It was so very efficiently done, that I cannot fault the Staff and Volunteers. As a none Driver and Single person, it is very difficult, not to mention, costly to visit Bridlington or Hull hospitals. Also, if having an Asthma attack, Stroke, Heart failure, (something where time is of paramount importance), it would be far better to have this little, close by Hospital, open. Also, so much easier for friends and family to visit. People I know who have lived here for many years, have good memories of this little Hospital and are very sorry to see it reduced in such a way.
Another example of the lack of a service to local residents by closing a local hospital.
In these Covid times when people are being asked to stay local it is particularly upsetting.
Local health services, especially in a rural area such as the East Riding are essential especially for people who have to rely on public transport, and in some cases literally lifesaving.
It's inevitable that health care services will come under pressure. We have to be realistic and do what we can to save 'something' rather than set sights so high that we fail to retain anything. Beds will never come back to Drifffield - horse, bolted - but if we can have support or well-being services that would be a win.
I think idea of integrated care centre is a good idea but won't let me vote for it why?
Disgusting but not surprising in Tory Britain
I feel very frustrated that this hospital is not being used as it was intended. It is wrong that the council/ NHS trust have the right to take away services that are needed for all surrounding areas.
Criminal waste of a hospital
The survey as presented is nothing more than a wish list. As such, most will tick for more and continued services at the Alfred Bean Hospital - really telling you nothing.
I feel it would more than useful to understand the rationale behind the recent closures. Without this it is difficult to make a sensible comment. However, I suspect recent changes reflect the severe staff shortages within the NHS resulting in smaller clinics being merged. It is far better to have a central, fully staffed and efficient unit. We have got to make best use of our medical staff and if this means closures at Alfred Bean so be it. And, Hull is very easy to get to.
This country has under-invested in the training of doctors and nurses for decades. We have relied on recruiting trained personnel from the Philippines, Poland and Italy - it's cheaper than training our own. Well, they are no longer coming and those from Europe are returning home, some even being deported. And, we wonder why we have a shortage.
If Alfred Bean is closed, it could see a new and successful life in a different role:
With increasing housebuilding in the area, there must be greater demand for local health services.
From the Drifffield area any journey in winter is potentially problematic and possibly dangerous, possibly even impossible in snowy weather, which makes the need for local services compelling. In addition, without a car, such journeys to Beverley, Hull, Scarborough or York are difficult at the best of times.
Foolish centralising. In a rural catchment with poor infrastructure closing a potential hub forces more traffic onto the roads, longer time taken to access the remote hubs by public transport. The resulting cost of time taken out of work for minor but crucial appointments maybe invisible to the NHS but is borne by the people least able to afford it. Using the wards for rehab of people before discharge home allows community contact, visiting and frees clinical and surgical beds in the main hubs.
I clinician in Alfred Bean can see many more patients than putting them in a car and driving all over the county.
There are more and more people moving to Drifffield with all the new buildings that are proposed or have already started yet we have no more doctors or dentists and we are not a 5 minute journey away from the closest A&E for minor injuries. It would relieve pressure from bigger hospitals, the doctors and make people travel less if we have more of a service in Drifffield.
Think this is shocking. Drifffield is growing and we need more services not less.
With medical advances there isn't enough public cash to keep small, inefficient hospitals open. It would of course be lovely and so convenient but it would have to be at the expense of another potentially more important service.
This kind of populism does bother me. The broader facts need to be looked at. People in Drifffield seem to think that it is just about the CCG being awkward rather than considering the health economics.
Would rather go to Scarboro
Individualism doesn't work, there are too many barriers for too many people. Some do not have the ability to travel far.
I was told to drive to A&E as my injury wasn't life threatening it turned out to be a broken foot ! When I said I couldn't, she suggested a taxi ?? To Hull ?? Or Scarborough?? I'm working full time but I can't afford that ! Drifffield is losing its emergency care whilst the population is growing, the town needs support from authorities not complications
It's obviously not a sustainable service especially in light of the current pandemic showing how services need to be run on scale. With Excellent services readily available at Bridlington only a short distance away and the more than abundant doctor surgeries and chemists in the town I don't see it as a great loss at all.
The minor injuries unit although very useful and staff fantastic, maybe 4 out of 5 visits for myself they couldn't fully help me and I had to continue onto Bridlington or Scarborough anyway which although not ideal, I was more than happy with for the excellent standard of services received.
Hate saying this but It's a waste of money when better facilities are close by with easily enough capacity in normal times. When other towns don't have to travel 50 miles for a hospital.. and we have several within 25 miles. Opening for covid wouldn't give enough beds for much difference? It could be a great CBT clinic, I paid out thousands for therapy privately to prolong my life what a waste that was now covid's taken over but anyway now more than ever this facility is needed more. I wish you could fix your party it goes from blue Labour to Marxism and while this is the case your keeping tories in
Its disgusting
Utterly ridiculous! The town is growing rapidly with all the new houses being built and we have a perfectly good hospital that has served us well. People, especially, older people or children should not have to travel miles away for treatment.
This shouldn't have happened. This is a much needed service for the community of Drifffield and the wolds.
Palliative care ward should be reinstated at ABH as well as outpatients. It was a fantastic resource and could be again, alleviating some pressure off A&E and other hospital departments further afield whilst providing local
The town has an ageing population, it is important that services remain local. The town has a number of new housing developments and the town is growing at an alarming rate. Surely, it can justify keeping the hospital open. Moving everything to Bridlington and Beverley is not ideal. The town suffers from social deprivation and not everyone has access to a car or is able to pay for public transport. Drifffield has lost so much over the years and closing the hospital will only put more pressure on local doctors and pharmacies. Sometimes it's not all about saving money.
Ridiculous, for a town the size and location we need a minor injury unit and proper hospital services
In a town with an increasing population, this hospital should be used to its full potential.
It is shocking and very worrying. It can be very difficult for people to travel distances to access services and it can be a very tiring journey. To be able to, access, services, locally would be a bonus. If you have a child needing a and e and have other children and no transport, how do you get them to Beverley, Hull or Scarborough. If you are elderly and don't drive, you have to rely and somebody being able to, take you.
Surely the Alfred Bean should open up community wards for people who do not need acute hospital beds but are perhaps not ready to return home. They could stay in the local hospital near friends and family and not needing much expensive care and thereby freeing up beds in the major hospitals. It just doesn't make sense. Also Drifffield is an expanding town with more families moving to the area, good services are desperately needed.
I think it is disastrous. We are a rural community and it is not practical for a lot of people, especially the elderly or infirm to travel to Bridlington, Beverley or Hull.
We need the Alfred Bean hospital as has been proved in the last month. Having an outpatients and minor injuries clinic there relieved the pressure on local GPs. Having an X-ray department also meant fast treatment with out the need to travel to Beverley.

Given that Driffield is growing rapidly with all the new housing being built, it needs more facilities, not less, to cope with the increased population.

Just another pathetic decision by the conservatives. They'll be turning the site into yet more houses which Driffield does not need. It needs this hospital and needs its infrastructure sorting!

Disgusted. Driffield is growing in housing meaning more people but we are seeing a major decrease in health services. Why should we have to travel when we have a perfectly good hospital on our doorstep. Being of an age that used the old ERGH I think the time has come to upgrade the facility we have and use all available services.

Typical - local residents are not important.

I would like to see the services extended not diminished, especially at a time when there is a huge amount of house building in Driffield and the surrounding villages. I would like to see the beds in the hospital used post covid for convalescence, for those people either living on their own who cannot go home as soon as they no longer need specialist hospital care, but need some nursing attention, and for respite care for people with dementias.

With all new housing estates and elderly we need to have medical treatment nearer than Hull etc public transport isn't available for hospital appointments out of this area.

Alfred Bean supplies care to the local Driffield area and offers a range of services. I have used it for many things over the years, as a child falling off his Skateboard or as an Adult that had outpatient appointments. Now if a child is at school and has an injury they get sent to Beverley, if they are lucky. Alfred Bean is convenient for people who don't drive or aren't able to wait for public transport. Now for my Endocrinology appointment it looks like I'll have to go to Hull Royal. It was handy being able to pop out of work for an outpatients appointment that was half an hour at the most. Now it will cost me half a day at work due to travelling and the waiting times. The ever growing population of Driffield needs more services, not fewer available. If there's a problem filling vacancies, we currently have a high number of unemployed in the current climate they can fill the void. I have extensive health issues and the hope that Alfred Bean could be saved gives me a glimmer of hope for future generations to come. The staff and the public in Driffield and the local villages deserve better than what is happening now. And using the Hospital as a Vaccine site proofed how vital the buildings are, even if they are used for different departments. I had to take a colleague to Beverley after being knocked off his bike, it took us 6 hours to get seen. If they was in Driffield I honestly believe that time would have been halved at least. Thank you for your time.

The population of Driffield and the East Riding is increasing, so it has been ridiculous to reduce services whilst the town expands. Not everyone has access to a car (and in the current situation we should not be getting lifts!). The hospital would have failed better extending to include A &E not reducing existing services. I have had to get a train to Hull with a broken arm, use public transport when I suffered from a severe kidney infection with sepsis. I also had to get a family member to drive from Malton to take me to Bridlington out of hours with a peritonsillar abscess (requiring urgent treatment) . God forbid anything happens again to me or my family. We shall have to call an ambulance . I used Alfred Bean for physio, a chest x ray and several times my son has needed the MIU

Disgusted

This should be kept open. Especially minor injuries and x ray should be brought back. The beds should be brought back because they supported a lot of people when they were open. Non of my outpatient app in the last 3 years have been at Driffield so that doesn't really affect me.

Disgusted!!!

Got to look forward. Days of small hospitals has gone. Like the idea of ICC

It is ridiculous due to the large amount of new development housing being built and an ageing population this hospital is needed more than ever

I think it is wrong to close it ,when they have approved planning permission for new housing estates, driffield is getting bigger every year.

It is absolutely disgusting! Considering the expansion of Driffield with all the housing that is happening, we need a hospital with services to help support our ever growing community. Also services can be provided for people who are unable to travel out of town, especially during the pandemic.

With all the new housing being built in and around Driffield I think its a bad thing to close Alfred Bean its a long way to other Hospitals and a lot of older people don't drive and Alfred Bean is very handy also young families with children can't always travel further away when they have other children at 2/3 different schools and have no transport..

it's short-sighted, as the pandemic has exposed a separate isolated hospital would if funded would have been able to continue it's work on other treatments.

I think its disgusting the way things have been done. I dont understand why they cant see the value of these small hospitals now that all our small towns and villages are growing beyond belief. Must be better to have local services rather than funneling everyone to Hull, York and Scarborough which from Driffield is approx 25 miles to each. It would be helpful for old and young alike.

It's a disgrace and a financial burden on people having to travel to Hull, Castle Hill for appointments when you are on a very limited income. People's health will suffer because of this.

It's a facility that is needed for the area not everyone drives Lot of elderly people in Driffield. Beverley and Castle Hill to far to travel

It's another result of Tory cuts and the destruction of the NHS.

It cuts Driffield off

Driffield is consistently getting larger with lots more houses been built thus an increase of people numbers. There is still a large number of elderly people living in the driffield area who can easily access facilities at the alfred bean rather than having to get to hospitals which are difficult to travel to.

Bizarre rationale.. increasing population, increase demand leads to decrease in services!!?

Privatisation by stealth, an ideological/political agenda.

Given multiple assurances over many years that the Bean has a vital role and would stay... !!?

A hugely important hub for the Community.. closure is a travesty on many levels.

Disgusting

Criminal

Waste of public money

Useful geriatric hospital

People were consulted over the MIU. The local Council got thousands of names and addresses.

Total disbelief that it's even a consideration, it should, due to the rate Driffield is growing, be utilised to the max. It's a wonderful hospital and needs to be fully opened again providing much needed facilities for local residents and improving speed of treatment and communication between local surgeries and centre of treatment.

I'm sure Alfred Bean did not intend for the hospital he bequeathed to the people of Driffield to end up this way and lets be honest here, I'm sure there are building companies already drawing up housing plans for the not too distant future. So, so wrong, whoever allowed this slow rot to set in needs to hang their head in shame.

It costs far too much for the maintenance of the buildings, other areas in East Riding have to travel for NHS services. Should have been closed many years ago.

We are a rural area with a mixture of hound and old. It is a long journey to Hull Royal or Castle Hill; often by bus for pensioners and the vulnerable.

In view of the number of new houses going up I feel that Alfred bean should be utilised . Surely it's better logistics for 1 person to come here rather than 30 travelling to hull / Scarborough / York. I greatly miss minor injuries as gps seem quite unwilling to help with a lot of things

It's such a shame having used Alfred bean for many years for minor injuries, varies appointments for myself and family members. Having to access different hospitals further afield for simple appointments that could be catered at Alfred bean as they once where, especially for children and the elderly having to take a child for an appointment further afield usually means they miss a full day of school as opposed to attending the local hospital which would probably only take an hour and the elderly having to take them on a car journey for over an hour as opposed to ten mins down the road for them to attend an appointment which could be dealt with at Alfred bean.

As driffield growsand residents age, a local hospital offering outpatient care seems to be a sensible option, rather than people having to travel much further afield.

Disgusting especially for those without transport

The population of Driffield and surrounding villages is increasing rapidly and will continue to increase. Surely local access to health services should be increasing too; it is common sense. It would also be so much easier for patients if medical staff travelled to Driffield instead of patients having to go here, there and everywhere for treatment/consultations.

Short changed again. Driffield and surrounding area being robbed again of our vital local service which we pay equally for. Beverley has had many services increased, for example, to the detriment of services in the surrounding area. Many people relied upon Alfred Bean, some can't drive and rely on buses or trains to get to Beverley or elsewhere. This is unreasonable after they have paid tax and NI contributions for years. Families have to visit relatives when ill and it is not reasonable to have to travel such distances and mainly at night time, when these services could be provided by the hospital that is already proven to provide good service to the local area #savealfredbean

The disgraceful lack of publicity and consultation is appalling. The people responsible for this should be brought and held to account. People need local services not having to travel not a ten or twenty mile journey. The lack of interest shown by the East Riding Councillors and the MP who are supposed to stand up for local residents is beyond contempt.

Detrimental to the health and well-being of the community

With a growing population it is critical that Alfred Bean is open to its fullest capacity.

That there is strong evidence of the benefit of local services to their community and with some creative thought the Alfred Bean could be of great benefit to the health and well being of the local people

As the pandemic has shown, we are now, more than ever before, encouraged to stay within our locality. Having local services at Alfred Bean, reduces our need to travel to other hospitals where services are stretched to the limit, thus helping the spread of any virus. The amount of Hospital Acquired COVID-19 has ballooned beyond all expectation. We have a duty as a society, to protect those vulnerable to any virus. Having them travel on ambulances-long journeys-seems a poor use of resources, when we have such a resource locally. No brainer

I feel this is very sad & totally unreasonable, Driffield is getting bigger every year, there are so many new houses being built so therefore more & more people, we need these services for Driffield and the surrounding areas.

Majority of population in Driffield is 50+ many do not drive or have access to transport. Why should they travel further afield for treatment when Alfred Bean has the capacity to deal with minor treatment and consultations.

I feel they close things down without asking for our opinion. It's like Driffield people don't matter.

<p>It's shocking and shameful. We live in a rural area and need local care. It's awful having to travel to Hull, Scarborough or York for health care.</p> <p>We have a huge amount of new houses being built in Driffield and our GP services are too small and over abysmal.</p> <p>Could a new GP practice work out of here if it was kept open.</p> <p>It needs enlarging not closing.</p> <p>I expect it will become another housing estate with more families that need health care if it is sold off.</p> <p>Shameful</p>
<p>Government cost cutting at the expence of public health</p> <p>It was such a useful service, especially for those with children, so much easier to get prompt medical care, rather than having to travel further to Beverley or Hull.</p> <p>Absolute disgrace</p> <p>No consultation</p> <p>Already been decided</p> <p>No real concern for locals</p>
<p>It's appalling! The town is growing, with many new housing developments and our health services are diminishing. We are a large town and need a local hospital, rather than having to travel to Beverley and beyond, which is not always convenient.</p> <p>The CCG (based across the river) do not class the interests of Driffield patients as important. Perhaps they need to remember who pays their salaries. Also this hospital was generously gifted to the people of Driffield. It is these people and those of surrounding villages that should benefit from it's services.</p> <p>Without Alfred Bean, we are a long way from facilities. As we get older, less able to travel independently. We live in the. Wolds, where public transport is not an option. We have always received excetional care at Alfred Bean</p> <p>Minor injuries unit needed, everyone does not own a car. Outpatient appointments were very convenient especially for elderly and parents. X Ray services needed also.</p> <p>Very bad move. A decision lacking in thought and insight into the care of its residents.</p> <p>I feel angry and let down by the proposal and the way it has been carried out. The hospital is a huge asset to the local community and could be even more so if used as a local centre for palliative care, mental health facilities (eg. counselling), and all those appointments that are best carried out near to where patients live. Older people, especially, find it hard to travel to Bridlington, Scarborough or Hull if they don't or can't drive and are ill or injured or recovering from an operation. It also makes no environmental sense to make us travel instead of nurses/health professionals coming to Driffield.</p> <p>Going to Hull, York or Scarborough requires too much travelling.</p> <p>Driffield is a growing town with shrinking healthcare. It's ridiculous that Alfred Bean is losing more services and the doctors have huge waits just to get an appointment. Malton (a much smaller town) has a hospital with lots of services. Why?</p> <p>I am a widow, 86, no car, no relatives near to help. Cannot use internet as hands and eyes not good enough " Clinics should be provided and consultants required to attend The Alf B, thereby saving hundreds of car journeys from Driff and The Wolds as well as the resulting pollution and the problems of finding car park spaces at all the hospitals</p>