

# HAVING THE COVID VACCINE...

We hear from...

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## 1/ Which vaccine did you have?

I had the Pfizer vaccine.

## 2/ When did you have the vaccine?

I had the vaccine on the 24th January 2021.

## 3/ What were your feelings about having the vaccine beforehand? (E.g. Did you have any apprehensions, or did you feel positive about it, explain why?)

Initially I was apprehensive that the process was too rushed, but my dad changed my mind. He is 90 years and told me that I had a duty to society and to protect others. I was worried that there was not enough information to have a vaccine this quickly, but when I researched, there was not enough information against having it, so that's why I decided to have it.

## 4/ Did you have any side effects?

Only a dead arm, which lasted for two days.

## 5/ How do you feel now?

I feel fine now and I have had no other symptoms.

## 6/ What do you see as the benefits of having had the vaccine on a personal level and working in a social care environment?

For me the benefits are not catching Covid and becoming ill and hopefully being able to help with a reduction in cases.

## 7/ What would you say to someone who was thinking about whether or not they should have the vaccine?

I would encourage others to have it because, initially, I was in fear of having it, but I did my research. I would encourage other people to do their research as well as there is a lot of information out there whereas previously there wasn't much.

