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| |  | | --- | | Michael Tibbs made history as the oldest person to receive the Pfizer jab in the UK on 8 December, 2020, and now he’s **received his booster shot**in the biggest and most successful rollout in health service history.   The 99-year-old Second World War submarine lieutenant received his booster at Midhurst Pharmacy just ahead of his 100thbirthday.   The service is one of more than 30 across Sussex which are now giving booster vaccinations to eligible patients after the roll out started last week.   People do not need to contact the NHS but will be invited when it is their turn. Texts and letters are going out to people to invite them to use the national booking system, and local GP vaccination services are contacting people directly.   Michael said: “I’m grateful to receive the booster vaccination as I was to receive the first. I didn’t notice any side effects. Just a prick, and it’s done! It’s wonderful and I think it’ll make a lot of difference to everybody.”   Michael received his booster at Midhurst Pharmacy, where Raj Rohilla and team have been working hard to vaccinate thousands of people in the West Sussex community since the programme began in December last year.   Raj said: "It was a real pleasure and an honour to meet Mr Tibbs at our pharmacy. We feel it a real privilege to complete Mr Tibbs' vaccination journey with his COVID Booster.    “We would like to urge everyone who is invited for their COVID Booster to take up the offer and book with the National Booking System either online or by phoning 119."   [Watch the BBC South Today coverage of Mr Tibbs receiving his vaccination.](https://youtu.be/C2-OU5lqShc)  [Read more about our plans for the booster programme.](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/phase-3/) | |

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| |  | | --- | | Last week the NHS was calling for any 16 or 17 year old who hasn’t had their COVID vaccine yet to come forward.   It is now even easier for people aged 16 and 17 to get the all-important COVID-19 vaccination as they can now use the national booking system to book online.   This means they can now use the [website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/)or call 119 to book an appointment as well as to see the clinics and walk in sessions available for them.   Hundreds of appointments are available every day in Sussex, and there are walk ins for this group each day at specific locations.   More than half of 16 and 17 year olds have now received their vaccination in Sussex and nearly three quarters of a million young people in England, around 60%, are already vaccinated.   Thousands of texts are being sent to eligible teenagers to encourage them to come forward to get protected. Messages appear as an alert from ‘NHSvaccine’ and include a web link to the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/) to make a booking. | |

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