

# GP Connect in the Cegedim Primary Healthcare Solution

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## GP Connect

**GP Connect** is an NHS Digital project designed to enable GP practices to access patient related information recorded on any of the participating systems across care settings.

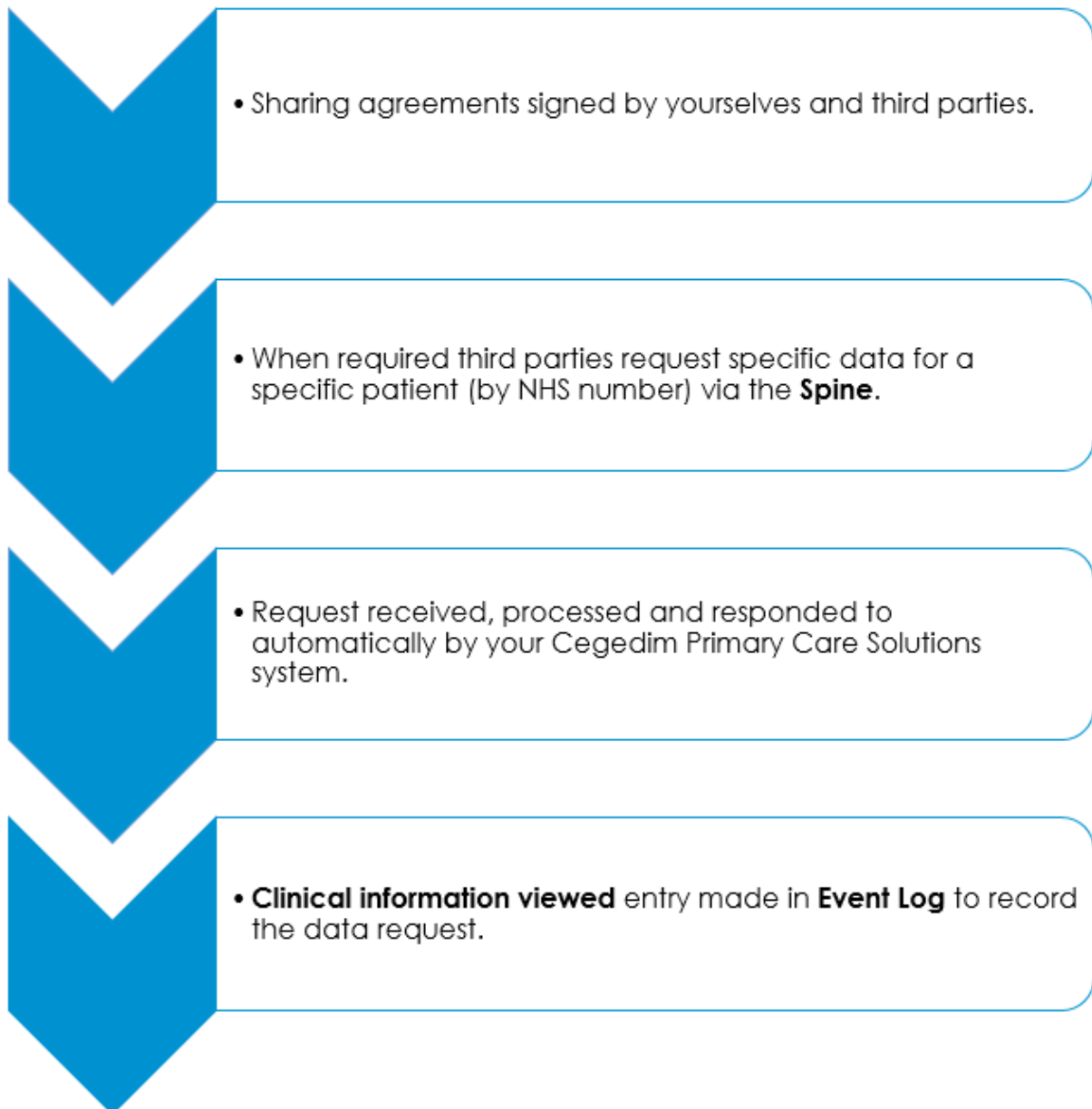
It relies on sharing agreements being signed between practices and authorised third parties. All data is exchanged via the **Spine**.

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 For further information about **GP Connect**, please refer to <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/gp-connect>.

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## GP Connect Overview



The following points have to be considered with regards to GP Connect:

- Sharing agreements between yourselves and authorised third parties, see [Sharing Agreements](#) on page [5](#) for details.
- Patient consent - all patients have GP Connect consent allowed by default, see [Setting Patient Consent for GP Connect](#) on page [6](#) for details.
- The type of data extracted, see [What information can be viewed?](#) on page [7](#) for details.



**Note** - At this time **Cegedim Primary Care Solutions** are unable to request data from third party systems.

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## Sharing Agreements

**GP Connect** relies upon you signing a **Sharing Agreement** with third parties to share your data. Details of sharing agreements are held on the **Spine**, and a **Spine Security Proxy (SSP)** ensures that no data can be accessed without a **Data Sharing Agreement (DSA)** in place.

The **DSA lookup** is populated by the NHS Digital Deployment teams following the necessary **DSA** submissions from the Commissioning/Providing organisations to the **GP Connect Assurance and Approval** process. You need to contact the NHS Digital Deployment team to add or update any **DSA's**.

## Setting Patient Consent for GP Connect

All patients have implied **GP Connect** consent allowed by default. You can update patient consent, by recording one of the following clinical terms in **Vision 3**:


- To record explicit consent to share:
  - **9Nd7.00** Consent given for electronic record sharing.
  - **93C0.00** Consent given for upload to local shared electronic record.
- To record dissent to share:
  - **9Nd1.00** No consent for electronic record sharing.
  - **93c1.00** Refused consent for upload to local shared electronic record.

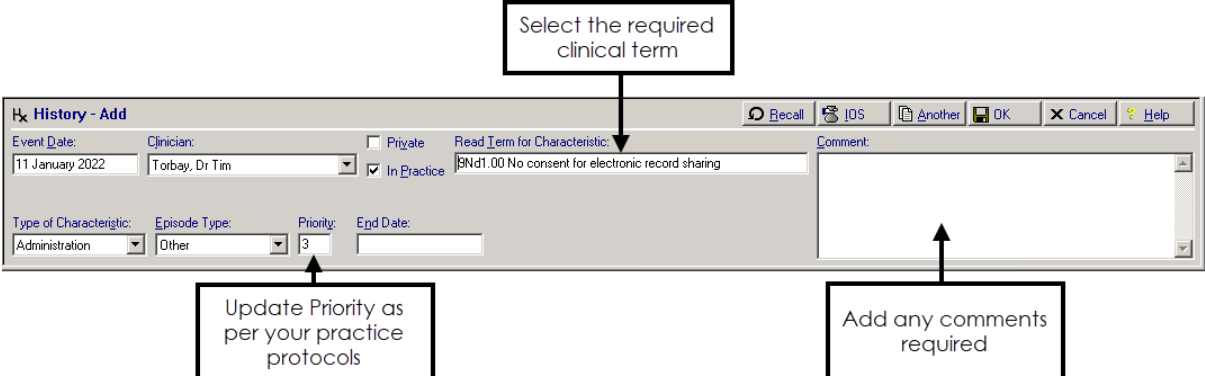
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**i Important** - If you update patient consent using one of the clinical terms above, no third party requesting data can override it.

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To add one of these codes to the patient record:

1. From **Consultation Manager**, select the appropriate patient and start a consultation if required.
2. Select **Add Medical History**  and the **History - Add** screen displays:



The screenshot shows the 'History - Add' form with the following fields and annotations:

- Event Date:** 11 January 2022
- Clinician:** Torbay, Dr Tim
- Private:**
- In Practice:**
- Read Term for Characteristic:** #9Nd1.00 No consent for electronic record sharing (Annotated: Select the required clinical term)
- Comment:** (Annotated: Add any comments required)
- Type of Characteristic:** Administration
- Episode Type:** Other
- Priority:** 3 (Annotated: Update Priority as per your practice protocols)
- End Date:** (Empty)

3. Complete as required:
  - **Read Term for Characteristic** - Enter the clinical term of the consent required, preceded by a # and press **<Return>**.
  - **Comments** - Enter free text comments if required.
  - **Priority** - Update as per your practice protocols.
4. Select **OK** to save.

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**i** **Important** - Read code **9Nd1.00** No consent for electronic record sharing is used in Scotland for **Emergency Care Summary (ECS)** consent, so a patient moving from Scotland may already have this Read code recorded.

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## What information can be viewed?

A data request must specify the patient, by NHS number and the specific type of data required, a general non-specific request is not possible. The following patient data is available for sharing:

- **Summary** (cannot be filtered).
- **Encounters.**
- **Clinical Items.**
- **Problems.**
- **Allergies** (cannot be filtered).
- **Medications:**
  - **Current Medication Issues** – All Acutes and Repeat Issues in the last year (cannot be filtered).
  - **Current Repeat Medications** – All active Repeat Masters irrespective of any date filter in the request (cannot be filtered).
  - **Past Medication** – All inactive Repeat Masters and all acutes and issues older than one year.
- **Referrals.**
- **Observations.**
- **Investigations.**
- **Immunisations** (cannot be filtered).
- **Administrative Items.**

## GP Connect Appointments

The ability to release appointments to third parties that you have a sharing agreement with, for example NHS111, relies on you using **Appointments** and **Appointments Setup**.

An appointment slot that is available for booking by a third party is

highlighted by a **GP Connect** tag .



## Pre-requisites

In order to create GP Connect appointments you must:

- Have updated to **Appointments** and **Appointments Setup**, contact your Account Manager to organise updating to our newest management tool for setting up and maintaining your appointments books

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 See [Setting Up GP Connect Appointments](#) on page [9](#) for details.

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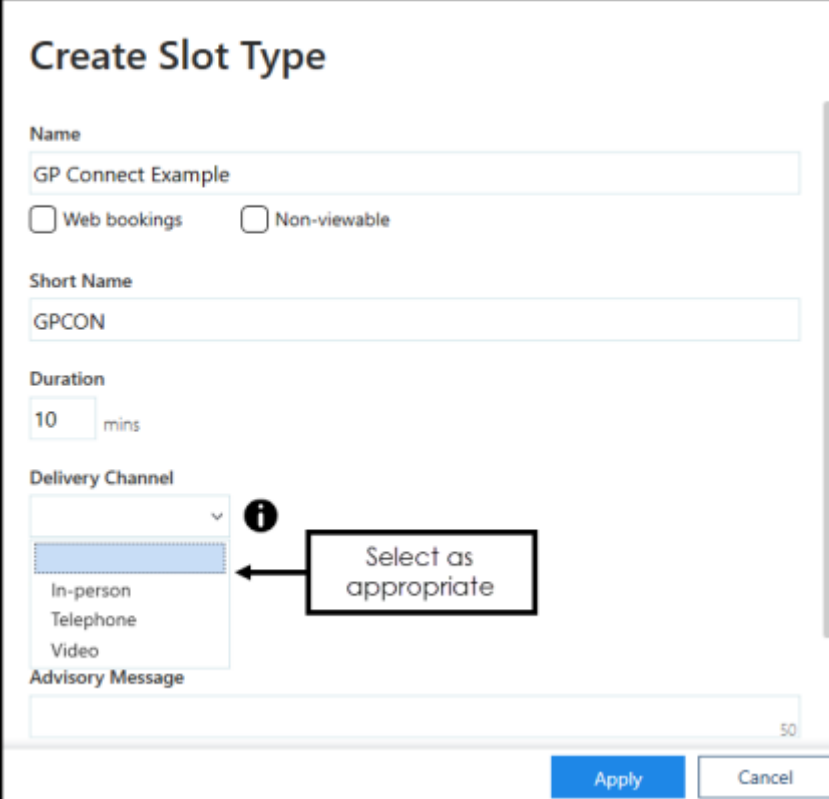
## Setting Up GP Connect Appointments

To create an appointment that is available to a third party via **GP Connect**, the following conditions must be met:

### Appointments Setup

From **Appointments Setup**:

- The **ODS Code** of the organisations you want to share your appointments with.
- **Slot Types** must have a **Delivery Channel**, this tells the booker the type of appointment they are booking:



**Create Slot Type**

Name  
GP Connect Example

Web bookings  Non-viewable

Short Name  
GPCON

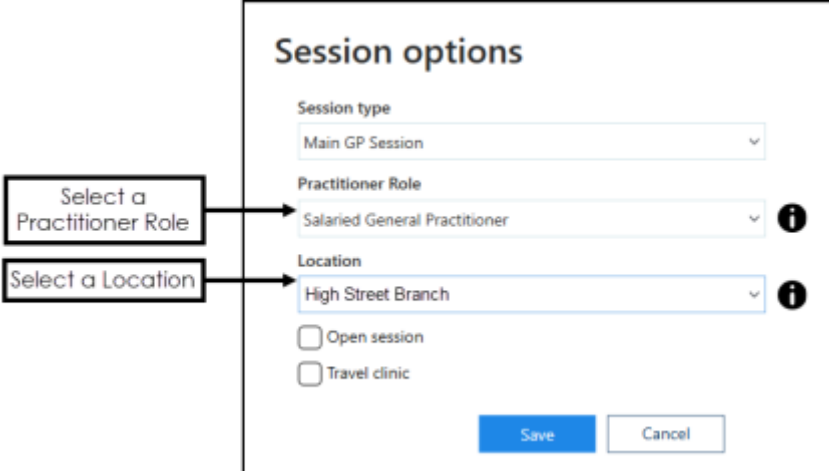
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Delivery Channel  
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In-person  
Telephone  
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Advisory Message  
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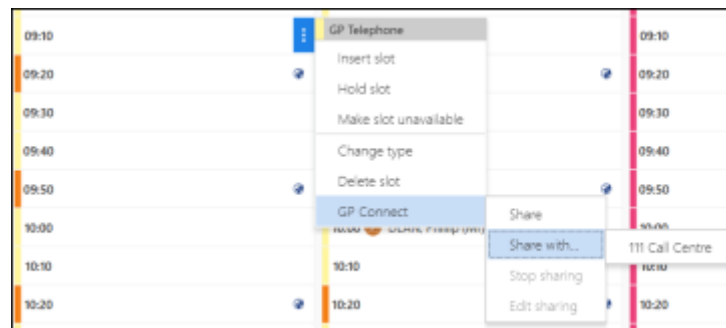
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- **Sessions** must have a **Practitioner Role** and **Location**, this tells the booker the type of clinician and where they are booking:



## Appointments

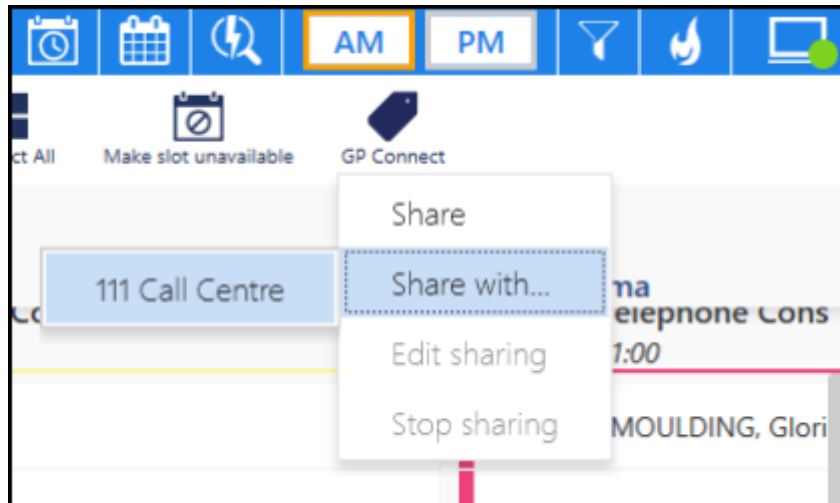
- An appointment slot must currently be tagged manually as a **GP Connect** slot, this step must be done from **Appointments**:
  - To tag a slot as **GP Connect** available, from **Appointments**, from the slot required, select **Options**  - **GP Connect - Share with** and then select either the specific organisation or the **Preset** group:



- To tag a selection of slots as **GP Connect** available, from **Appointments**, right click on all the slots required and select



**GP Connect** - **Share with** and then select either the specific organisation or the **Preset** group.




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**i Important** - To facilitate reporting on vaccination appointments any COVID vaccination appointment slots should have a **Slot Type** of COVID VACS.

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## Adding ODS Codes

To share appointments with third party organisations, you must add their **ODS Code** to **Appointments Setup**.

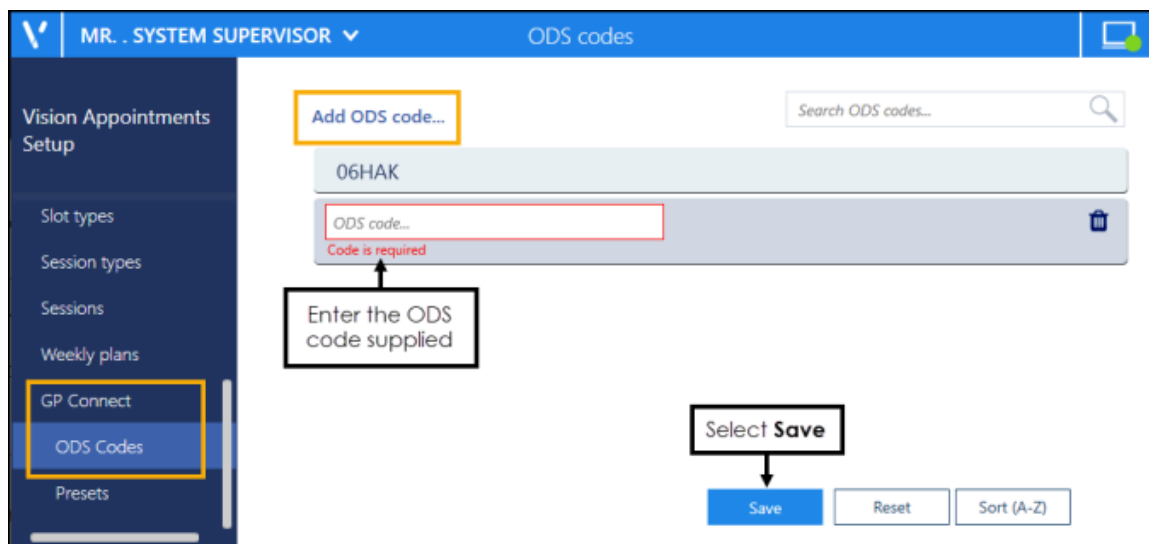
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 See the [ODS portal website](#) for further details.

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To add an **ODS Code**:

1. From the **Appointments Setup menu**, select **ODS Codes**.
2. Select **Add ODS code**.
3. Enter the ODS code for the organisation you want to share appointments with.
4. Select **Save**:



**ODS Codes** should be added to groups, known as **GP Connect Presets**.

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 See [Creating GP Connect Presets](#) on page [13](#) for further details.

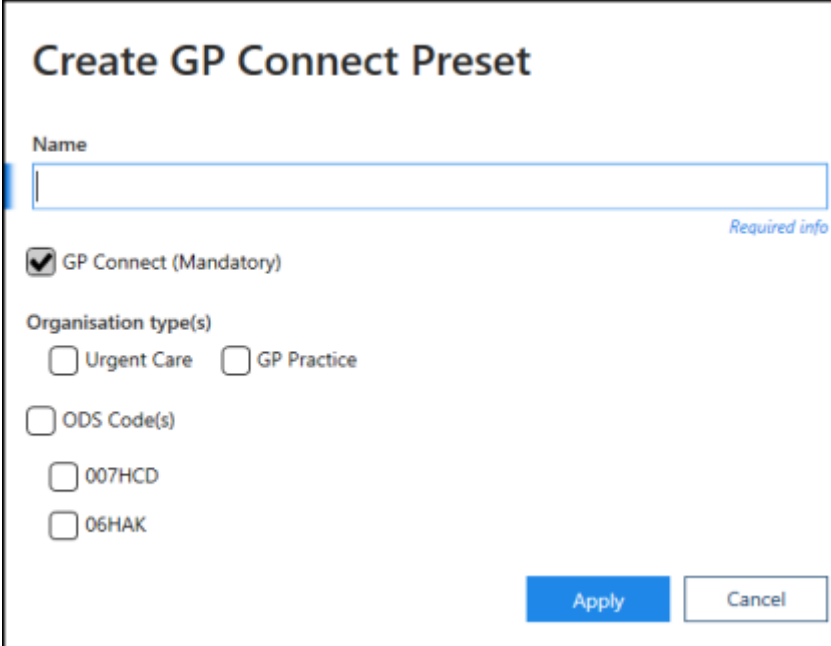
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## Creating GP Connect Presets

**GP Connect Presets** enable you to create groups of third parties for the sharing of appointments via **GP Connect**.


To create **GP Connect Presets**:

1. From the **Appointments Setup menu**, select **Presets**.
2. Select **Add preset** and the **Create GP Connect Preset** screen displays:



4. Complete as follows:
  - **Name** - Enter a name for the group
  - **GP Connect** - Ticked by default, only remove this tick to inactivate the group

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 **Note** - There is currently no requirement to select an Organisation Type or ODS Code.

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5. Select **Apply**.