

Implementing GP Connect

Providing access to Primary Care Records from Rio

Southern Health is improving access to primary care records for community and mental health staff. A link from the community and mental health electronic patient record to primary care records is being implemented using GP Connect, a national solution. This will enable staff to directly access their patients' primary care records in real time without needing to login to another system or search for their patient. Primary care records will include consultations, problems, medications, referrals, immunisations, administrative items, clinical items, and observations.

Practices already share records via GP Connect with 111 and ambulance services as part of the national GP Connect solution. There are no additional changes that need to be made by practices to enable this sharing to be extended to community and mental health teams. Access is controlled using Role Based Access Codes and smart cards.

The legal basis for both GP Connect and Summary Care Record Additional Information is Article 6(1)(e) and Article 9(2)(h) of the UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). For Common Law Duty of Confidentiality, implied consent with opt out is used. Patients have the option to not share records via GP Connect, but if they choose to remove access this stops sharing with all organisations using GP Connect.

The ability to access more complete primary care records than are currently available via CHIE will enable community and mental health staff to have a more complete picture of their patients' needs, thus providing safer and more patient centred care.

The project is due to go live in mid-February 2023.

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