

An Introduction to GP Connect

Webinar Questions and Answers

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Overview

The GP Connect Programme hosted an engagement session on 1st December 2016. The webinar was publicised utilising NHS Digitals monthly general practice bulletin and numbers were limited to 100 attendees.

During the sessions a number of questions were raised by attendees. Those questions are enlisted with formal answers from specialists within the programme within this document.

In addition to the QAs within this document Frequently Asked Questions are available on our GitHub website [here](#).

Questions and Answers

1. Will activation of GP Connect be site by site basis, or CCG area in one go?

The capabilities will be made available, users will commission a 'product' that consumes the API's and provides functionality. This could be via a CCG, federation or individual practice or Acute etc.

2. Do you have pilot sites/ CCG already agreed? Or are you still taking requests?

Tranche 1 first of type sites have been agreed. We are aiming to go live with these sites late January/Early February. Information regarding first of type activities can be found on our GitHub website [here](#)

3. Are TPP and EMIS planning to do something ahead of this timetable?

TPP and EMIS are actively engaging with the programme to deliver the GP Connect capabilities. Any activity to offer similar functionality as a result of the suppliers in question having a relationship with each other is outside of GP Connect.

4. Are there any plans to allow querying such as to replicate the functionality that MIQUEST currently provides, via the API?

No plans at present, however there is the potential for the introduction of new functionality following an assessment of requirements and feedback gathered from our FoT activity.

5. Can we get access to the slide deck?

The slide deck will be uploaded as a PDF document to our GitHub website [here](#).

6. We were in talks about being a test implementor for providing the interface through Lorenzo; however the emails have gone dark. What access is there for early adopters to be ready for the go-live?

First of type sites for the first phase have been identified. In January we will start to look at additional sites for Tranche 2 & 3. Suppliers though can access the API's and develop against them at risk, by accessing the GitHub repository [here](#).

7. Will GP connect API requirements be fed into the GP IT Futures work in terms of replacement of GPSoC clinical systems?

The team is linked and key resource straddles both projects. So yes, work is shared.

8. Are TPP and EMIS planning to do something ahead of this timetable they have been talking about sharing records between the 2 systems for a number of months now and this has been labelled as being part of GP Connect.

See question 3, TPP and EMIS may look at delivering something differently as a result of their own personal relationship with each other that is outside of GP Connect.

9. What is the criteria for first of type sites please.. data sharing... funding and assurance?

FoT sites that contacted us early in the year were asked to complete a questionnaire. Criteria required a commissioning organisation (one that wanted to use the capabilities) to:

- Have data sharing agreements in place for where they saw the capability deployed
- Be prepared to assure any end system that they wished to use
- Fund the development themselves.

First of type information can be found [here](#)

10. In regards to rolling out GP Connect, will anything need to be done by other service providers other than NHS Digital i.e. a CSU on behalf of CCGs or practices?

Yes, service providers other than NHS Digital are required. There is a need for an end-to-end system to be commissioned, this can be done locally or at the CSU/CCG level.

11. Will there be a test harness made available on the GitHub site for integrators to build test implementations ready for customer requests?

The GP Connect team are working on an automated test harness for system testing API providers. Many of the same scenarios could be used to bootstrap consumer testing efforts.

Please see the following GitHub project. <https://github.com/nhsconnect/gpconnect-provider-testing> and the accompanying Wiki page <https://github.com/nhsconnect/gpconnect-provider-testing/wiki> for details.