

# Patient Resource Changes

Overview of changes made to the standard FHIR DSTU2 Patient resource for use within the GP Connect APIs.

Field	Baseline	GP Connect	GP Connect change description
identifier	0..*	1..*	A mandatory NHS Number identifier for the patient with option to include other identifiers for the patient.
gender	0..1	0..1	Patient gender - uses 'Administrative Gender' valueset
photo	0..*	0..0	No requirement
contact	0..*	0..*	A contact party (e.g. guardian, partner, friend) for the patient
animal	0..1	0..0	No requirement
communication	0..*	0..*	A list of Languages which may be used to communicate with the patient about his or her health - uses 'Human Language' valueset
careProvider	0..* Reference(Practitioner Organization)	0..1 Reference(Organization)	Patient's nominated primary care GP - uses 'gpconnectpractitioner-1' profile
managingOrganization	0..1 Reference(Organization)	0..1 Reference(Organization)	Organization that is the custodian of the patient record - uses 'gpconnectorganization-1' profile
link	0..*	0..0	No requirement