

**Position Statement: EMAS GP Connect  
10 September 2019**

It has been brought to our attention that EMAS has sent communications to practices asking them to sign up to the GP Connect and switch on record sharing. In principle we wholeheartedly support this appropriate record sharing to improve the care given to patients and allowing this access achieves much the same effect as the MIG, which we understand all practices have already signed up to. From a user perspective, we understand EMAS have some ongoing concerns about the functionality of MIG and this is the subject of discussions which we are involved with – hence they feel the need to seek an alternative solution.

While we would advise practices to strongly consider switching on this functionality there is a paragraph in the notes to the letter which requires further clarification:

*“TPP SystemOne integration within control room will provide access to patient records for both TPP and EMIS practices and will allow limited direct booking of appointments with patients’ own GP (subject to GP making appointments available to EMAS for this purpose)”.*

To our knowledge, the request to allow EMAS access to book GP appointments directly (in the same way as 111) has not been agreed and is not a contractual requirement. To that end we would recommend that practices do not make these appointments available until the situation has been clarified with EMAS and the CCG. This is a separate issue from the record sharing and should not prevent practices from sharing the patient records as requested.

If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

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