

# Understanding Break Glass protection

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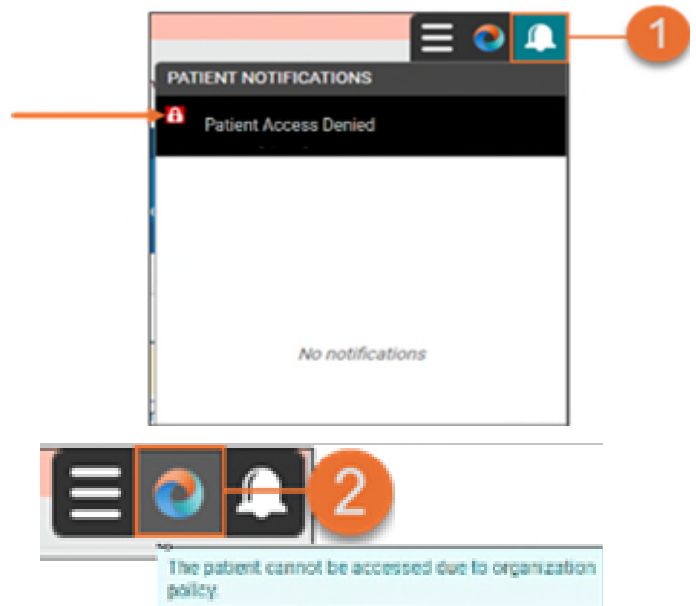
In CareSync Exchange the Break-glass function enables authorised health service staff to access sensitive patients and data.

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## Step 1 | No access to 'Protected Patient' records - widget

- 1 The patient's identity and the Notification bell on the CareSync Exchange widget will not display if a patient has been classified as a **Protected Patient**.  
  
Clinicians without access to protected patient records will receive a **Patient Access Denied** message when the notification bell is clicked.

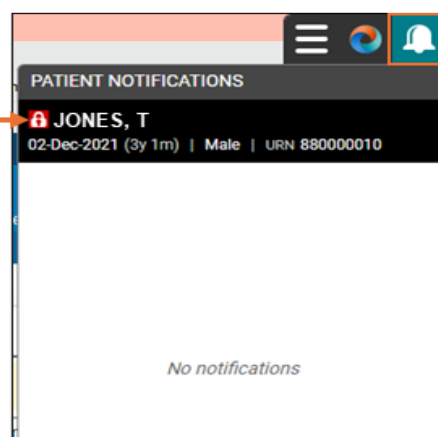
- 2 The CareSync Exchange icon on the widget will remain greyed out with a 'tool tip'.  
  
"The patient cannot be accessed due to organisation policy."



## Step 2 | Authorised access to 'Protected Patient' records

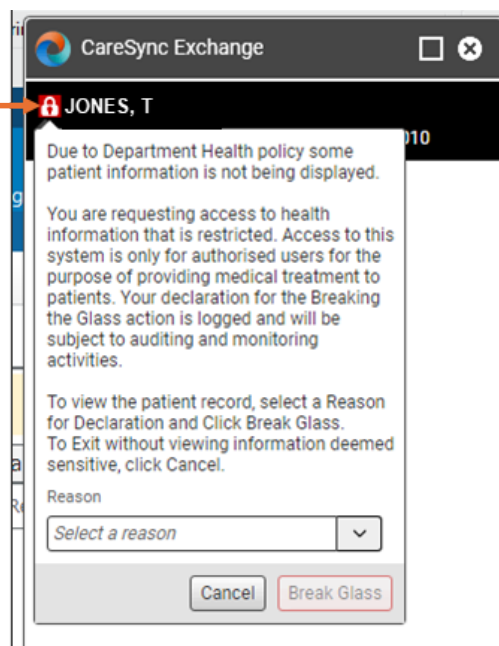
- 1 The Notification bell on the CareSync Exchange widget will not display any alerts where a confidentiality restriction to a patient's identity is in place.

The padlock next to the name will display if you click the notification bell.



- 2 Click the CareSync Exchange icon

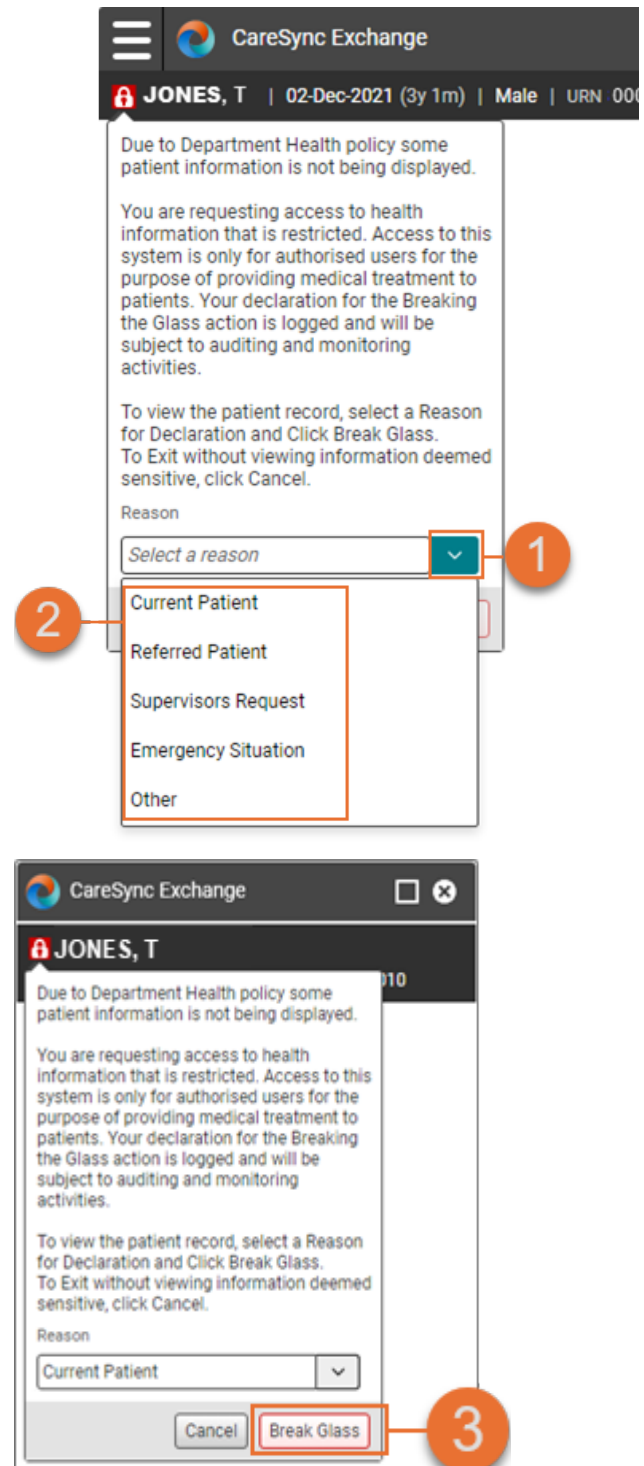
The padlock next to the name will display and the break glass notification will also display if authorised to break glass.



Note: Break glass activity will be regularly monitored by your local Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) ensuring appropriate access to protected patient records is auditable.

## Step 3 | Authorised User – Break Glass

- 1 Read the Break Glass message, and if proceeding, click the drop-down arrow to **select your reason** for accessing the record.
- 2 Choose the most appropriate reason from the list. If selecting **Other**, you will need to provide additional commentary for the reason.
- 3 Once reason is selected, the **Break Glass** button becomes available. Select and access the CareSync Exchange patient record.



The top screenshot shows the CareSync Exchange interface for patient JONES, T. A message explains that due to Department Health policy, some patient information is not being displayed. It states that access to health information is restricted and that the user is requesting access for medical treatment. It also mentions that the declaration for breaking the glass is logged and subject to auditing. The user is prompted to select a reason for declaration and click 'Break Glass' to view the patient record, or click 'Cancel' to exit without viewing sensitive information. A dropdown menu for 'Reason' is open, showing options: 'Current Patient', 'Referred Patient', 'Supervisors Request', 'Emergency Situation', and 'Other'. A red box highlights the dropdown arrow (1) and the 'Current Patient' option (2).

The bottom screenshot shows the same interface, but the 'Reason' dropdown is now set to 'Current Patient'. The 'Break Glass' button is now visible and highlighted with a red box (3), indicating it is available for selection.

Note: Break glass will need to be performed each time the CareSync Exchange record is accessed by the authorised user.