

# Joint Access Teams



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Information for Parents and Carers in Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire Children's Trust aims to improve the way in which organisations work together to provide support for Children, Young People and families. To help with this a Joint Access Team (JAT) has been set up to work with every School, Children's Centre and Youth Centre across Nottinghamshire.

## How does a JAT Work?

JATs are made up of teams of people from a wide range of services. These typically include Schools, Connexions, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Social Care, Emotional Health and Well Being, Police, Family Centre, Youth Services, Education Support, Children's Centres, Drug and Alcohol Awareness and others. They aim to provide useful support before problems become too difficult to manage.



## How can a JAT help me and my family?

The JAT can offer solutions and a joint response that may not be



available from a single organisation. The JAT will offer you one person to talk to and avoid you having to say the same thing over and over again. With your consent information will be shared with other professionals in order to provide a package of support.

## How can I use a JAT?

You can talk to someone who is already part of a JAT, for example a Teacher or Health Visitor. Someone who is already working with your child or family may ask your consent to discuss them at a JAT. No information will be shared without your permission unless a child or young person is at risk of significant harm. After a JAT meeting you will always get feedback and have the opportunity to discuss possible options. You are welcome to attend the JAT meeting and will be supported to do so.

## Is there a JAT near me?

Yes. JATs are based around Families of Schools (the local Secondary School and a group of Primary Schools). JATs work with Children and Young People aged 0 to 19 and through links with Adult Services to support Parents and Carers.

## How much will it cost?

Nothing. JATs and the services they offer are free to Children, Young People and their families.



## How can I find out more?

- You can find more information on [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/jointaccessteams](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/jointaccessteams)
- You can talk to anyone already working with your child or family from one of the organisations listed in this leaflet or on Nottingham Children's Trust website: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nottscyppartnership](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nottscyppartnership)
- You can contact the Locality Development Manager for your area on 01623 433425

## Quotes from Parents/Carers

*"I thought it would be just another meeting but this one did something"*

*"I did not believe help would be forthcoming—how wrong was I"*

*"It was scary to see so many people round the table but they listened to me"*

*"I'm glad to see the services talking to each other"*