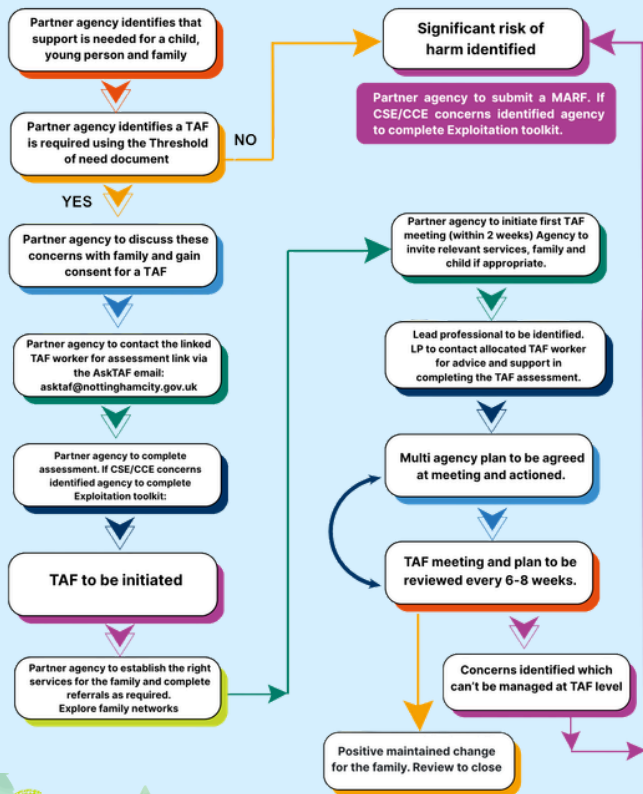




TEAM AROUND THE FAMILY

Partner Agency Process



TAF works best when families are respected as partners, strengths are recognised, and professionals work together with shared responsibility.

Meet the Team

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the aim of the TAF initiative?

TAF provides early, coordinated support by bringing families and professionals together to create a joint plan that promotes positive outcomes and prevents needs from escalating.

Do families need to consent to the TAF?

Yes. Written consent and active involvement from the parents and child are required, as TAF is a family-led plan supported by professionals.

How can a TAF be coordinated when children attend different provisions?

The professional who identifies the need initiates the TAF, gains consent, completes the assessment, and involves all relevant agencies, including each child's provision.

What is the difference between TAF and statutory intervention?

TAF is voluntary early help for emerging needs and does not involve statutory social care. If concerns escalate to significant harm, the case is referred to safeguarding services.

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Team Around The Family

Team Around the Family (TAF) is an early help, multi-agency approach designed to provide coordinated, strengths-based support to families at the earliest opportunity.

What is a TAF?

A Team Around the Family (TAF) is a coordinated support plan that brings together:

- The family
- Professionals from relevant agencies
- The wider family network
- Community and support services

The purpose of TAF is **early intervention**. It focuses on identifying strengths, addressing emerging needs, and creating a **shared action plan** that enables families to achieve their goals through consistent and joined-up support.

TAF works best when families are active partners in decision-making and when professionals collaborate effectively around agreed outcomes.



Role of the Lead Professional

The Lead Professional is:

- Agreed with the family during the first TAF meeting
- Someone who has an established, trusting relationship with the family
- Often the practitioner who initiated the TAF and supported the assessment



Responsibilities include:

- Acting as the **single point of contact** for the family
- Coordinating the TAF process and meetings
- Ensuring the action plan is completed, shared, and reviewed
- Supporting communication between the family and professional

Please note:

Accountability for actions sits with all partners involved in the TAF. The Lead Professional does not hold sole responsibility for outcomes or actions.

The Lead Professional role may change during the TAF process depending on the family's needs and how the plan progresses.

Role of the TAF Advisor

TAF Advisors provide guidance and oversight to the Lead Professional to support effective TAF practice.

The TAF Advisor role includes:

- Offering consultation and advice to professionals considering or initiating a TAF
- Supporting quality and consistency of TAF assessments and plans
- Advising on appropriate next steps and thresholds
- Supporting Lead Professionals with problem-solving and multi-agency coordination
- Promoting best practice and a strengths-based approach

TAF Advisors do not replace the Lead Professional or directly work with the family but provide professional support to ensure the process is effective and child- and family-centred.

