

## What is Family Action?



Family Action has been a leading provider of services to disadvantaged and socially isolated families for 140 years. We work with over 45,000 children and families every year providing practical, emotional and financial support through over 100 services based in communities across England.

We build on families' strengths, supporting them to fulfil their potential and make a positive contribution to their community. We use this experience to campaign for a society free from disadvantage and social isolation.

If you want to know more about Family Action then log onto our website: [www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)

## The IRIS Project

IRIS is an information service for parents of children & young people with disabilities.

There are four key strands to the project:

- a website
- a quarterly magazine
- the children's disability register
- support parents to have greater influence and control over the way in which services are shaped

For more information about IRIS log onto the website: [www.askiris.org.uk](http://www.askiris.org.uk)



## What do I do next?

If you want to know more about the Children's Disability Register or if you want to register then please contact us:

**By email:** [contactus@askiris.org.uk](mailto:contactus@askiris.org.uk)

**By telephone:** 0115 853 3291

**Or by post:** Room 18  
Clarendon Chambers  
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**Or visit us at:** [www.askiris.org.uk](http://www.askiris.org.uk)

so that we can answer your questions and/or send you a registration form.



AN INFORMATION SERVICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



## IRIS Children's Disability Register

## What is the Children's Disability Register?

The County and the City Councils have a duty to make sure that they know how many children and young people with disabilities there are in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire so that they can support them and their families effectively.

Knowing more about those children and young people, and about their needs, will help the County and City Councils to plan better for the future.

Having a register will also make it possible to make sure that parents and carers are better informed about what services are available.

Family Action has been asked to develop and maintain the Children's Disability Register in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on behalf of the County and City Councils. The Register will help improve services now and in the future.



Register for more info!

## Who has to Register?

The simple answer is no-one. The Children's Disability Register is entirely voluntary and no-one can or will put your child's name on the register without your consent.

By registering your child you will be helping us to improve the way in which services for them and other children and young people like them are developed and delivered.



Help us to improve!

## Who can Register?

The Children's Disability Register is for a child or young person who:

has a permanent and substantial disability as a result either of a disability, a permanent health condition or a long-term illness - that includes someone who is seeking a diagnosis

and

is under 25 years of age

and

lives in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire or whose home base is here.

## What will we do with your information?

The first thing we will do is to make sure that any information you give to Family Action about your child or children is stored safely and securely and is protected at all times.

The specific information provided by you on your registration form will only be shared with your local authority and with statutory health partners. Other generic information, for example about patterns or trends, will only be shared with those organisations with which we have a data sharing protocol in order to support the development of existing and future services. A full, up-to-date, list of all organisations that we have a data sharing protocol with can be viewed at [www.askiris.org.uk](http://www.askiris.org.uk)

By agreeing that your child's name can be put on the Children's Disability Register you will make it possible for us to:

- send you regular issues of the IRIS magazine
- consult you about developments in services including changes in the way in which services are delivered
- give you an opportunity to comment on what works well for you and your child & what doesn't
- produce reports about the changing needs of children and young people with disabilities in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
- share your ideas and opinions with the people who are responsible for planning and managing your services

