



AT Specialist Children's Clinic Factsheet

The Clinic at the AT Specialist Centre, Nottingham, was launched in 1993 as a direct result of an initiative by The AT Society.

There was a need to establish a 'Clinical Centre of Expertise' in AT to improve quality and length of life. The AT Society funded the clinic until 2009 when it became NHS funded.

A new clinic timetable has recently been introduced which offers 18 full day clinics throughout the year. Two clinics will operate each month (except August, with only one clinic in both December and January) and will usually be held on Fridays. Three children will be assessed/reviewed by the specialist multi-disciplinary team at each clinic

The Clinic is held in the Child Development Centre, Nottingham City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham, NG5 1PB.

Main aims

- To improve quality and length of life for children with AT
- To provide a full multi-disciplinary medical assessment of the child
- To provide Information on all aspects of AT based on the needs of the individual child
- To provide a comprehensive written report from each discipline, with recommendations for the child's future care, to the family, the GP and local care team within 8 weeks of the clinic
- To provide long term coordination between the clinic team, the family and the child's local care team
- To aid research into AT

The Team

- Dr Mohnish Suri - Geneticist (Clinic Director)
- Tina Boyd – AT Nurse Specialist
- Dr Jayesh Bhatt - Respiratory Physician
- Dr Elizabeth McDermott - Immunologist
- Dr Lucy Cliffe – Consultant Paediatrician
- Dr Manish Prasad - Neurologist
- Dr Krupa Torne - Neurologist
- Dr Despoina Mandelenaki - Neurologist
- Sarah Jessop - Occupational Therapist
- Janet Corderoy - Physiotherapist
- Kelly Hales – Speech & Language Therapist
- Hannah Bailey - Dietitian
- Jane Flint - Psychotherapist
- Sarah Spencer - Child Respiratory Nurse Specialist
- Nicola McNarry - Specialist Respiratory Physiotherapist

Clinic reviews

The Nottingham team aim to recall children to the clinic every 2 years. When they reach 16, young people will be invited to attend a transition clinic in Nottingham prior to moving to the adult AT service at Royal Papworth Hospital, Cambridge. The aim of the transition clinic is to reassure the child and their family and introduce them to few of the adult AT multi-disciplinary team. The transition clinic also provides opportunity for clinicians from both teams to discuss and review the young person's medical history. These highly specialised clinics are funded by NHS England.

Role of the AT Society

The AT Society works closely with both AT services. The advocacy and support team can help book family accommodation near to City Hospital, assist with transport bookings and costs, if needed.

The day before clinic appointments, families are invited to meet with the AT Society support team in a private meeting room at the hotel. During this meeting, families can discuss any issues or concerns they may have regarding the upcoming clinic appointment.

The support team will also provide more information about the AT Society and explain how the charity can offer support beyond the medical setting.

Referral

Once your child is diagnosed with AT they can be referred to this clinic. Many referrals are made directly through The AT Society; please see contact details below.

Direct referrals from a GP or Consultant can also be made to: **Dr Mohnish Suri, AT Clinic Director, Clinical Genetics, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham, NG5 1PB**

The AT Nurse Specialist, Tina Boyd can be contacted via email:

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If you have any queries regarding the Nottingham clinic or to book a space please contact us on **01582 760733** or email support@atsociety.org.uk