



JFCAS

Jersey Family Court Advisory Service

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JFCAS officers are all experienced social workers specialising in work with separated families. We don't work for social services, or any other social work agency: we are an independent service, based at the Jersey Probation and After-Care Service, under the Royal Court.

JFCAS officers are all experienced in helping separated families manage the challenges that arise from co-parenting.

We are appointed in Family Court to advise the Court on the best interests of children and families, where there are disputes as to arrangements which affect the welfare of children.

Outside of our primary role in Family Court, we also provide advice and support in conjunction with our colleagues in Early Help, acting as a resource available to parents and carers to help them make decisions for themselves and their children when parenting after family separation.

We can assist by providing:

- Information and options about how to move forward as separated families
- Advice about reaching safe, child-focussed arrangements (either in or out of Family Court, or using other support services available)
- Advice about how children's best interests are considered in Family Court proceedings
- Advice about working together to look at co-parenting plans

What can't we do?

- JFCAS advice outside of Family Court proceedings is provided on general terms, and on the basis of what is reported to us: we have not undertaken safeguarding agency checks and are not responsible for arrangements made by the parents.
- JFCAS do not provide legal advice and the views of the JFCAS officer do not represent the views of the Family Court.
- We cannot assist in more specific advice or work with a family: if this is needed, an application would need to be made to the Family Court. Information on how to do this is contained in their website: [Children - Courts.je](http://Children-Courts.je).