

## Our fees

Activity	Expected number of sessions	Charge per person per session
Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) including issuing Court Forms	1 session 30 to 45 minutes	<b>£100</b>
Cancellation of MIAM within 48 hours	-	<b>£50</b>
Issuing court forms only	-	<b>£60</b>
Mediation – All issues	2 to 3 sessions 1 to 1½ hours per session	<b>£190</b>
Mediation – Property and Finance	2 to 3 sessions 1 to 1½ hours per session	<b>£190</b>
Mediation – Child Arrangements	1 to 2 sessions 1 to 1½ hours per session	<b>£160</b>
Child consultation	-	<b>£100</b>
Cancellation of Mediation within 48 hours	-	<b>£100</b>
Memorandum of Understanding Child Issues	-	<b>£100</b>
Memorandum of Understanding	-	<b>£150</b>
Open Financial Statement	-	<b>£150</b>

Fees are payable by cash or card before the session, on the day

The fee for Court Forms must be paid before the form is issued.

**We are grateful to the 98% of our clients who attend their appointments on time or let us know of cancellations at least 48 hours in advance.**

**We reluctantly charge for non-attendance or cancellation within 48 hours.**

## Appointments

Appointments are available in numerous locations throughout Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands.

**Please see our website for office addresses and maps**

## Other services

If mediation is not appropriate, we offer the following services that may assist you:

- **Divorce or separation guidance and help**
- **Giving children a voice in family proceedings**
- **Help with understanding financial matters**



For more information,  
please see our informative website:  
**[www.mediationandmore.co.uk](http://www.mediationandmore.co.uk)**

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**FREEPHONE 0800 779 7600**

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**Family matters?**  
**We are here to help**

**We are experienced,  
accredited mediators  
who specialise in resolving  
all types of family disputes  
amicably and fairly**



# A cost effective, proven and practical way to resolve family disputes

## Separation and divorce

Mediation is a proven way to sort out practical arrangements during and after divorce or separation. It enables you to retain control of the process and make informed decisions that are right for you (and your children), avoiding costly and stressful court proceedings.

In mediation, you both meet with a mediator in a calm, safe and supportive atmosphere where you can consider all your options and make plans for your future.

Your children can also be directly involved if you wish.

## The process

To begin with, we meet both parties separately for a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM). At this meeting the mediator will explain to you what your options might be, what mediation is and how it works, the benefits of mediation and other appropriate forms of resolving disputes. The mediator will explore what you hope to achieve and helps you to decide if mediation is the best way forward for your situation.

Mediation is always a voluntary process. If, after attending a MIAM you, your ex-partner, or the mediator decide not to proceed to a joint meeting for whatever reason, the process ends.

Many factors influence the decision to proceed to a joint meeting. Mediators always remain aware of how difficult it is to be in a room with an ex-partner. During the MIAM you will have a chance to discuss any special measures you would like to have in place to make that more comfortable. For example arriving and leaving separately, or waiting separately, can be arranged.

## Mediation sessions

After you have both attended your MIAM and indicated that you wish to proceed to mediation, a first joint session is arranged.

Mediation sessions last between one to one and a half hours depending on the issues being discussed. The number of sessions required may vary according to each case, but normally we aim to conclude matters in two to three sessions.

There is no pressure to agree matters during the session as time is often needed to reflect on issues raised and possibly you may need to obtain other information before making any decision.

After a mediation session you may be sent a short statement of outcome. If appropriate, this records in brief what has been discussed, any agreements reached, any options under consideration, outstanding matters and any further actions required.

## Final statement – memorandum of understanding

When you are both satisfied that you have reached agreement on some or all of the matters under discussion, a mediation outcome summary will be prepared outlining your agreement.

Where agreement is reached on finance and property matters, a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is drawn up. This is not a legally binding agreement, but can be used as the basis of a legally binding agreement by a solicitor at your request.

## Open financial statement

If you are mediating over financial matters you are required to make a full financial disclosure and to provide evidence to support your financial statements. The mediator will use the information that you provide to prepare a financial schedule that can be shared with solicitors and the court.

## The mediators

Our mediators are fully qualified and accredited by the Family Mediation Council (FMC) and adhere to the FMC Code of Practice for Family Mediators. All of our mediators have been issued with Unique Registration Numbers by the FMC confirming their accreditation which enables them to sign court forms.

**Please note that only mediators accredited by the FMC are able to do this.**



## The court

We are independent of the court and will not discuss what has been said in mediation. If proceedings have been adjourned for you to attend mediation, we are required to let them know how it has worked out – but we only ever tell them that you have attended, if the mediation was successful, or if it broke down without agreement.

## Confidentiality

Everything that is said in mediation is confidential and is not discussed with other parties. The mediator will not disclose to your ex-partner anything that is said during your MIAM. If the mediator considers that anyone, especially a child, is at risk of harm they have a legal obligation to report these concerns to an appropriate agency under safeguarding policies.

## Data protection act

In order to comply with the latest data protection legislation, all files are confidentially destroyed six months after the case is closed. In financial cases the mediator will destroy any financial material as soon as they have completed an open financial statement.