



What are the costs?

Proceedings through the Civil Courts can be hugely expensive. Our fees are available upon request. We offer a low cost Initial Assessment Meeting with the mediator. Our hourly fees are amongst the lowest in the market place.

Note: WSMS is not a Legal Aid provider.

Want to know more?

To find out further details about the service or just to talk through your situation, contact us at:

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Family Mediation Service



When relationships break down emotions can run high. Our mediators are trained to help resolve disputes over all the issues faced by divorcing or separating couples.

Main issues can revolve around settling finances* and arrangements for any children.

** Full disclosure of finances will be required by the mediator in these circumstances.*

What are the benefits?

- *Reduce tension and hostility*
- *Help individuals make informed decisions*
- *Keep communication channels open*
- *Minimise impact on any children involved*
- *Prevent expensive and drawn out court actions***
- *You have control of the outcome*

*** Legal Aid is no longer available for divorces unless domestic violence or child abuse is proven.*

What is the process?

Initial Assessment Meeting

Parties meet individually (but not together at this stage) with the mediator. If required the mediator can complete the MIAMS Form FM1.

First Joint Mediation Session

Parties will subsequently convene together with the mediator. This session can last up to two hours.

Further Joint Mediation Sessions

Arranged as appropriate.

Mediation is a voluntary process and no-one is compelled to partake, although a court may well recommend it.

What is the outcome?

If an agreement in principle is reached between the parties, which is acceptable to those involved, the mediator has the ability to draw up a 'Memorandum of Understanding' which is not legally binding.

This can later be translated into a legally binding document or an Order of the Court. Speak to your legal advisor on this subject as mediation does not replace legal advice.

Our mediators may have a legal background but will remain impartial and independent and their role is not to give specific advice.

Why choose us?

- *Highly competitive fees (not profit driven)*
- *Years of mediation experience (established in 2000)*
- *Arrange meetings convenient to your location*

