

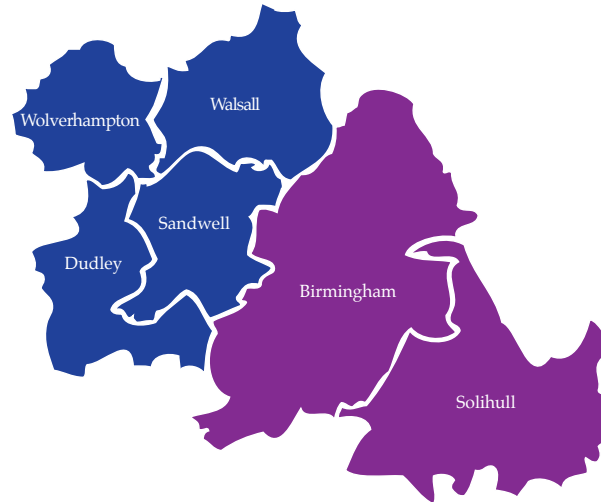


Mediation is the preferred option for couples looking to resolve their differences out of court in the most cost-effective way. While you may be unsure what you currently want, our pre-mediation appointment will let you have all the information, reassurance and professional guidance you need to make the right choice for a brighter future.

### Areas we cover

-  Birmingham District Family Mediation
-  Black Country Family Mediation



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## What is mediation?

Mediation is a way of resolving disputes using the negotiating skills of an impartial third party. Family Mediation has been proved an effective and less expensive way of finding agreement than solely using solicitors and the courts. Making a strong, lasting agreement in a family dispute is particularly important as the decisions made now will affect you, your family and your children for many years to come. If you apply to court to resolve your issues you may be expected to have already attempted mediation. The court might decide to refer you back to a mediator if it feels that mediation could help to provide a solution.

## Who we are

We have been serving the public of the West Midlands with professional family mediation assistance since 1985. As part of National Family Mediation, one of the founding members of The Family Mediation Council, we help to ensure that qualifications and professional standards of mediators are maintained across the UK.

## What can we talk about?

Mediation can help you resolve any issues connected with the end of your relationship and at any time during or after your separation.

These issues might include:

- Dividing your assets and your debts
- Arrangements for your children
- What happens to the family home
- Child support and maintenance payments

Mediation can also help when other issues affect family life, including working with grandparents, teenagers and step-families.

## What we do

In the first instance we will offer you a pre-mediation appointment to help you decide if mediation is right for you. You can attend this together or separately but you both need to have attended an appointment before proceeding to mediation.

At your first joint meeting, your mediator will discuss the likely length and cost of mediation - on average couples attend between 3 and 5 sessions depending on the complexity of the issues. The issues you want to resolve are up to you, although your mediator can help you decide in what order you deal with them and will guide you on priorities including child support and finances. In a deliberate attempt to provide a professional cost-effective service, you will usually only be charged for face to face time spent with your mediator and for any documents produced at the end of mediation which you can pass on to solicitors.

## Where we are

We endeavour to provide the most convenient service to you with a growing network of locations across the region, including Birmingham, the Black Country and Solihull.