

How can we prepare for mediation?

Consider speaking with your solicitor, who can help you think about options.

If you go ahead with mediation, the mediator will explain what information will need to be collected, what evidence will be required to support it, etc, as part of explaining the process to you and supporting you through it.

How will the mediator help us?

The mediator's role is to help you have the conversations you need to have to move through the divorce process.

The mediator can often help people think about their situation in new and different ways; help them prioritise the issues for discussion according to their individual circumstances; and help them make decisions.

How are individual needs met?

Separate waiting facilities can be made available at all our locations

If you have additional support needs to help access mediation please contact the service.

Conflicts in which mediation is appropriate include, but are not limited to, the following:

Neighbours

Divorce

Family Members

Workplace

School

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Supporting difficult conversations

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We help couples make their own decisions about all aspects of separation and divorce

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How the mediation service helps?

Camden Mediation Service can help you to have the difficult conversations you need to have to organise your separation/divorce.

Through mediation you can:

- gain clarity about the issues you need to discuss
- develop an agreement
- reduce the financial costs associated with divorce
- avoid or reduce time spent in court

Divorce mediators?

Divorce mediators are professionals with extensive training in mediation and divorce issues. They can help you to discuss, for example:

- Where the children will live
- How parenting will work
- Child support and maintenance
- Division of property and other assets
- Other issues of concern

and can provide information to help with these discussions if appropriate.

Mediators are impartial and do not make decisions for you.

As we are a training centre, mediators may have a trainee working with them or observing the meeting.

How does divorce mediation work?

Mediation is based on the idea that people are capable of knowing and doing what is in their best interests.

In mediation, people talk face-to-face about the issues important to them with the help of an impartial third party – the mediator.

Through a series of sessions, you will work with the mediator to address all the issues you choose to address. Based upon agreements reached, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is drafted by the mediator.

This document is not legally binding but can be formalised by a solicitor into a separation or divorce agreement (a consent order).

In divorce mediation both people retain the power to act on their own insights and decisions.

Whatever happens in mediation, the outcome is decided by you and not by the mediator.

Mediation is a voluntary process and it is confidential, unless we are concerned about anyone's safety.

Beginning the divorce mediation process

You can contact the mediation service directly or get referred to us by your solicitor.

How long does the mediation process take?

After an initial consultation session and a decision to proceed, most people complete the process as follows, depending on what they choose to discuss:

- Children's issues 1-2 sessions, or
- Finance & property issues 2-3 sessions, or
- Children, finance & property 3-5 sessions

This is a guide only. You decide the number of sessions needed, within reason, based on how quickly you can gather information and make decisions. When this has been completed, the mediator can draft the MOU.

Do I need legal advice?

Mediation is not a substitute for legal advice and we encourage people to seek initial advice from a solicitor before starting mediation.

The Mediator will also suggest that you run your ideas by your solicitor before reaching your final proposals.

What will it cost?

Please see our separate charges leaflet for details. However:

- Mediation sessions may be free if you qualify for public funding.