



MEDIATION INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT MEETING

1. What is a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting?

A fixed-fee meeting of about an hour with **Lisa Broddle**, Accredited Family Mediator, Solicitor, Family and Collaborative Lawyer, to consider whether Mediation or another process is the best option to discuss issues with your former partner.

2. A Meeting about You

You can give me details of the issues that you wish to discuss with your former partner.

3. What does it cover?

3.1 Eligibility for Public Funding (previously Legal Aid)

We do not offer public funding. You can check your eligibility at

3.2 Alternative Dispute Resolution Options and other Options

I will explain and review with you, your options on the process that may best suit you and your former partner: Mediation, Collaborative Process, Solicitor Negotiation, Personal Discussion between the you with issue specific legal advice, Arbitration or the Court Process.

3.3 Safeguarding and Suitability for Mediation or Other Dispute Resolution

We need to explore that any Mediation can be in a safe place both psychologically and physically with reference to the history of the relationship, actions of you both and the family dynamics. We need to consider if your situation is suitable for Mediation and if not your alternatives.

3.4 How Mediation Works

I will explain how Mediation Works and answer your questions about the process. The meeting is in preparation for possibly proceeding with me as a Mediator.

3.5 Willingness to Mediate and Inviting your Former Partner to Attend

If you are willing to use Mediation to discuss matters with your former partner, we can decide how your former partner is best contacted to attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting.

4. What if Mediation is not for you or your former partner?

If Mediation is not for you, or your former partner, another process can be used. We will provide you or your solicitor with the signed application to enable you to make your application to the court. As this is a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (information only), neither you or your former partner, will become clients, unless you decide you wish to proceed with us as Solicitors or Collaborative Lawyers, if you do not have a solicitor of your own already.

5. How much does it cost?

The fixed fee is £200 plus VAT for an individual meeting or £120 plus VAT per person for a joint meeting. We request payment at the meeting which can be by cheque, debit card or credit card (fee 1.75%).

6. Administration

You will also need to bring in your passport or photo driving licence plus two other forms of ID which can be utility bills, bank/credit card statements but not a mobile phone statement and no more than 3 months old to verify your address. Copies of these are taken and retained. (If your bill will be paid by a friend or relative we will need to have the same identification/anti-money laundering documents from them please.)

7. What Other Meetings are Available?

If you wish to explain your situation to us, for us to apply the law to your circumstances, receive advice in the meeting, become a client of Stone Rowe Brewer LLP and receive a report letter you need to book **An Initial Advice Meeting**. If you wish to receive information about the Process Options, Divorce, Separation, Civil Partnership Dissolution, Financial Remedy, Your Children and Wills then an **Options Information Meeting** is for you.

8. How do I make an appointment?

Please contact a member of the **Family Team** to make an appointment:

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