

## Mediation Information & Assessment Meeting (MIAM)

### What is a MIAM?

The first meeting with a mediator is often called a Mediation Information & Assessment Meeting or MIAM.

The MIAM will last about 45 minutes to an hour, and will give you an opportunity to tell the mediator about your situation, and the issues that need to be decided. The mediator will tell you about the mediation process and other options for reaching agreements.

At the end of the meeting, the mediator will tell you whether your case is suitable for mediation, and you can decide whether you want to proceed or explore another option for resolving issues. The mediator can also give you information about services which provide help and support.

If you agree, the mediator might also refer you to other organisations who can help you where relevant, such as those who can offer counselling, debt advice, or information about how to parent co-operatively after separation.

If you have children, the mediator will discuss with you their rights to have their views taken into account. This is an important part of the process designed to support the health and well-being of the children, as well as to help parents come to good workable decisions. Research shows this part of the process brings real benefits to your children and to parents as they make decisions for the family.

Please contact our Family Department Coordinator Kelly Gillon who will be happy to arrange an appointment for you. Our number is 01371 875200.

### How much will it cost?

The cost of the MIAM is £100 plus VAT, unless you are eligible for Legal Aid. For further information regarding Legal Aid for mediation, please [click here](#).