

Family Mediation West

# AIM 2

## ALL ISSUES MEDIATION

Mediation provided by two  
professionals working together

*The needs of your children*

*Your parenting relationship*

*Sharing of property, assets and liabilities*

*Future financial arrangements*

## Why AIM2?

**AIM2 is provided by a Registered Family Mediator and an Accredited Lawyer Mediator working together.**

You get the benefit of their experience in dealing with the practical, legal and emotional aspects of splitting up.

## Mediation

Make your own decisions and sort out the future in the best way possible for you and your children

Meet with your ex-partner in a safe environment with mediators present

The mediators will help you exchange information, ideas and feelings constructively

Mediation is voluntary. You choose to take part and you can end it at any time

You know your own situation best. The mediators will not take sides or make decisions for you, but they will provide useful information about the law



## Confidentiality

**Mediation is confidential so that parents can talk freely and frankly.** What you say in mediation cannot be used against you in later civil legal action.

Any facts or documents provided by either of you in the course of mediation are not confidential and may be used subsequently by either solicitor or in court action.

Family Mediation West will hold any information or documents in strict confidence and will not share them willingly with outsiders.

A clear exception to this is where a child is believed to be at risk of harm.

## Dealing with money and property

**You will both be asked to provide information and documentation on:**

- Income
- Expenditure
- Property, savings, investments, insurance policies, pension rights and other capital assets in which either of you have an interest
- Loans or debts for which either of you are liable



## Negotiating your Agreement

**You will look at:**

- What you both feel is 'fair'
- What is realistic and workable
- What best meets the needs of all the family, particularly the children
- How to manage child support
- Housing needs for all members of the family

**If you are married, you will probably need to decide:**

- The date when you separated so you know the point at which you will value your assets and liabilities

**If you are not married, you usually need to agree:**

- The date of the beginning and end of your relationship
- What is shared property

## The Agreement

**Towards the end of the series of meetings, you may ask the mediators to draw up a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).**

This will contain the information you have provided and the proposed arrangements you are to make. It will usually explain the reasons for your decisions.

The MoU will also list any issues which you have not been able to resolve and which may require further negotiation by your solicitors or perhaps a decision by the Courts.

The MoU will *not* refer to the way either of you responded during mediation.

The MoU is *not* legally binding. It is designed to be a record of your and your ex-partner's wishes which your solicitors can convert into a legal document if appropriate.

In addition, the mediators may prepare a Schedule of Financial Information giving details of your income, expenditure, assets and liabilities. This is not confidential, and may be used as evidence in Court.

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