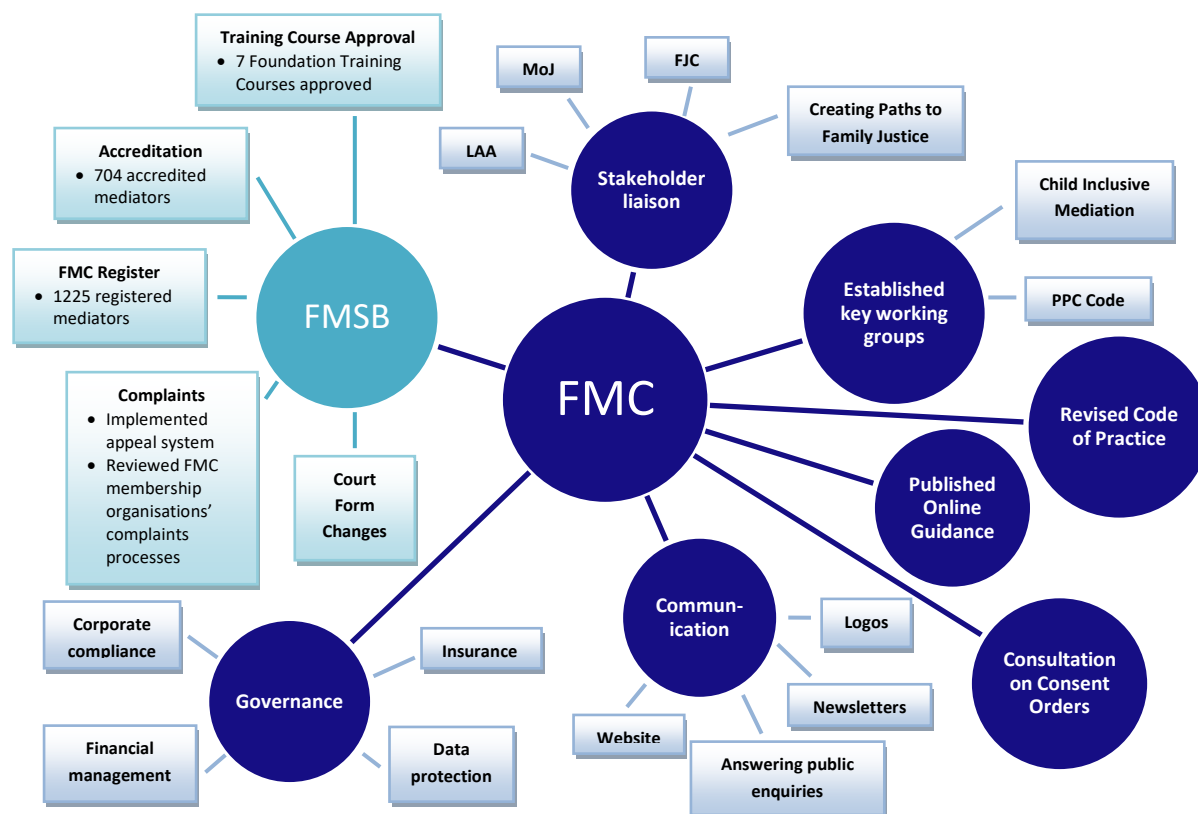


# FMC Newsletter

November 2016

With the end of the year approaching, this newsletter gives an overview of the work that the FMC, including the FMSB, has carried out in 2016, as well as keeping you up to date with recent developments and forthcoming events. The impending year end also means that the annual re-registration process will start shortly, and we will be writing directly to all registered mediators about this in due course. This year, the process will coincide with the publication of the FMC Register online, and the current information in the Find A Mediator service will be replaced. Once the register is published, your details will only appear on the FMC website if you are registered with the FMC. We know that publishing the register online has taken much longer than anticipated to achieve, and we thank you for your patience and continued support in to 2017.

## A snapshot of the work the FMC and FMSB have been doing in 2016:



## Recent developments

### • Family Mediators Drafting Consent Orders

The FMC is today publishing its consultation regarding family mediators drafting consent orders. This follows the FMC's review of its Code of Practice earlier this year, during which the board identified this issue as one which needed further consideration. We welcome the views of anybody who has an interest in family mediation. If you would like to respond to the consultation, it can be found [here](#) and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

### • FMSB

The FMC would like to express its thanks to Glynne Davies, Anne Dillon and Carole Kaplan, who tendered their resignations from the FMSB last week. Glynne, Anne and Carole, alongside their colleagues, took on a considerable workload to establish the FMSB and worked tirelessly to ensure a robust system was put in place for the protection of the public. The FMC is grateful for all their efforts.

The FMC is now will now work with the remaining members of the FMSB to recruit further members.

### • FMCA Logo

In response to suggestions from mediators, the FMC has commissioned a logo for use by those who hold FMCA status. The logo may be used in accordance with the FMC's policy of use (soon to be published) and will be available by the end of the year.

### • Family Justice Council Conference

Jane Robey, NFM's representative on the board of the FMC, recently attended the Family Justice Council's conference on the FMC's behalf. The focus of the conference was litigants in person, and the conference heard from two such litigants who had had bad experiences of the family justice system. For the FMC, the conference underlined the importance of the need to continuously promote family mediation, and to work with other partners to do this.

### • Evening Standard Article

The FMC was disappointed to see an article headlined 'Destructive divorce mediation can leave people vomiting from stress.' John Taylor, chair of the FMC, has written to the paper with a response, questioning the assumptions made and emphasising that it is cheaper, swifter and appreciably less stressful for partners to choose mediation than to fight each other in court.

## Notices for Family Mediators

- **Research Request from MoJ**

The Ministry of Justice is carrying out research concerning screening in mediation for domestic violence and abuse, and would like to see examples of DVA screening questions asked during MIAMs. If you have standard or example questions that you use during MIAMs, please send them to [executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk](mailto:executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk).

If you would like to share any such information, any relevant information, networking or work opportunities with fellow practitioners please email [info@familymediationcouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@familymediationcouncil.org.uk) setting out the details, in no more than 150 words, and it will be posted in [Notices for Mediators](#).

### FMC/FMSB Recruitment

The FMC is recruiting mediator and independent members of the FMSB. For more information please visit the FMC website - details can be found [here](#).

### Upcoming events

- **Family Mediation Week**

23 – 27 January 2017. Following the success of FMA's Family Mediation Week earlier this year, the event will run again this coming January. Look out for more details in due course.

- **College of Mediators' Annual Conference**

Thursday 15 June 2017, London. Join colleagues to celebrate 21 years of the College of Mediators at its annual conference. More details are available from [admin@collegeofmediators.co.uk](mailto:admin@collegeofmediators.co.uk)

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