



FMC Newsletter

February 2017

Recent developments

• Re-registration

The FMC's annual re-registration process started in early January and is open until 5th February 2017. If you are already registered, to remain on the FMC register and retain your URN, please re-register before this date. If you have not received your re-registration e-mail, please contact register@familymediationcouncil.org.uk with your name and URN and ask for this to be re-sent.

• FMC Register

The FMC Register will be available online next week. The information in the Register will be updated as re-registrations are processed, and the Register will therefore only be complete once this work is done. The Register will contain the qualifications and public contact details of all registered mediators, and will be able to be searched in various ways. The FMC's Find A Mediator search will also draw its information from the Register. If your details change during the course of the year, please make sure you let us know by e-mailing register@familymediationcouncil.org.uk so we can keep the register up to date.

• FMCA Mediators and observations by mediators working towards accreditation

It is a requirement for all mediators working towards accreditation to observe an FMCA mediator in a mediation session. In order for mediators working towards accreditation to be able to do this, we ask that mediators who hold FMCA status do their best to facilitate such observations.

• New logo for FMCA Mediators

Mediators who hold FMCA status are entitled to use the new FMCA logo, in accordance with the FMC's Policy of Use. The logo can be downloaded from a [password protected area of the FMC website](#) – the password is being sent to FMCA Mediators upon re-registration.



• **Approved Foundation Training Courses**

The FMSB was pleased to approve seven foundation training courses last year, which are run by the following providers:

- [ADR Group](#)
- [Dialogue](#)
- [Family Mediators Association \(FMA\)](#)
- [Lesley Allport Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Lorraine Bramwell Associates](#)
- [National Family Mediation \(NFM\)](#)
- [Resolution](#)

• **Family Mediators Drafting Consent Orders**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation regarding family mediators drafting consent orders. The consultation, which can be found [here](#), closed on 31st January. This is the first step in the process of the FMC considering a very complex issue and we will keep you up to date with the further steps to be taken in relation to this in due course.

• **Re-accreditation**

We have had some recent enquiries about re-accreditation for mediators who hold FMCA status. This will usually take place every three years, but for some mediators who transferred in to FMCA, the first re-accreditation date may fall in 2017 or 2018. This is to spread the weight of the re-accreditation process and ensure the system is efficient. The re-accreditation process has not started yet, and in advance of it starting, the FMSB will issue clear guidance about what the process will involve. For more information about renewing accreditation, please see page 9 of the [standards framework](#).

FMC/FMSB Recruitment

The FMC will shortly be recruiting new members of both its board of directors and the FMSB, including two family mediator positions for the latter. More information will be published on the FMC's website shortly.

Notices for Family Mediators

FMCA Mediator Mary Banham Hall has organised a Change.org [petition](#), asking that the rule that legal costs to be proportionate to the value of the dispute be made to work. Her campaign relates to both civil and family proceedings, and demands that when legal fees reach 20% of the value of the dispute, litigants are automatically referred to accredited mediators to resolve issues before the costs can become the issue preventing agreement.

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 setting out the details, in no more than 150 words, and it will be posted in [Notices for Mediators](#).

Upcoming events

- 9 - 10 March, [LADR Foundation Training](#), First Module, Doncaster
- 22 March 2017, [Family Matters Mediation: What are SPIPs?](#), Doncaster
- 28–29 March 2017, [Resolution PPC Foundation Training](#), London
- 18 May 2017, [Family Matters Mediation: Understanding and Responding to the mental health needs of children and teenagers](#), Doncaster
- 19 May 2017, [Resolution Turning enquiries into mediations](#), London
- 6 June 2017, [Resolution PPC Networking Day](#), London
- 15 June 2017, College of Mediators' Annual Conference, London
Details are available from admin@collegeofmediators.co.uk
- 19 – 20 October, Resolution's Dispute Resolution Conference 2017, Nottingham. Details to follow in due course.

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