

## **FMC Newsletter**

**May 2019**



### **Recent FMC Developments**

#### **Standards Review**

As you may already be aware, the Standards Review Accreditation Working Group met on 3 April to discuss the responses to the recent Accreditation survey. This resulted in the group agreeing that issues would be considered on two tracks: practical and pragmatic improvements to the existing system, that should be introduced as soon as possible; and the strategic exploration of new models to make the whole process more fit for purpose in the longer term. Since that meeting, the FMSB has been continuing work on issues on each of these tracks. In relation to the former, it expects to make recommendations for improvement to the current system to the FMC (to be considered at its June Board meeting), and is putting in place a number of additional resources to try to help mediators working towards accreditation. More details will follow in the coming months.

#### **Child Only to Full AIM**

A small number of mediators who transferred in to FMCA on 1 January 2015 did so on a 'Child Only' basis, having achieved accreditation under the previous system which allowed this. The FMSB has now agreed the requirements and procedure for those mediators who have 'Child Only' accreditation to become accredited for 'All Issues'. For a copy of the requirements and procedure, please e-mail [executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk](mailto:executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk)

#### **Child Inclusive Mediation (CIM)**

Mediators are reminded of the requirement to attend either a CIM Update Day (for mediators previously trained in Direct Consultation with Children (DCC)) or a CIM Awareness and Understanding Day (for mediators previously trained in DCC).

Mediators who are working towards accreditation who submit their portfolio after 31 August 2019 will need to have attended a CIM Awareness and Understanding Day before they submit their portfolios.

Mediators who are accredited but not previously trained in DCC will need to attend a CIM Awareness and understanding Day by 1 January 2020 or the first post-2018 re-accreditation date, whichever is the later.

Mediators who are accredited and have been previously trained in DCC will need to attend a CIM Update Day by 1 January 2020 or the first post-2018 re-accreditation date, whichever is the later. CIM Logos are available for mediators once this course is complete.

Relevant courses are listed [here](#) on the FMC's website, along with other opportunities for CPD.

### [Volunteers needed for FMSB Panel](#)

The FMSB is looking for two mediators, one of whom is a PPC, to join its PPC Panel. This new panel's role includes advising the FMSB on the implementation of the PPC Code of Practice and maintaining the PPC Register. Early work will include drafting a template PPC agreement that will be made available for PPCs and mediators to use. It is expected that the panel will meet four times a year. If you are interested in becoming a member of the panel, please e-mail [executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk](mailto:executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk).

### [FMSB Minutes](#)

The FMSB now publishes its minutes on the FMC website in order to ensure transparency. The minutes can be seen [here](#).

## **Developments from Elsewhere**

### [New Minister](#)

A recent cabinet reshuffle has resulted in the minister who was responsible for family justice, Lucy Frazer MP, moving in to a new role. The minister now responsible for Family Justice is Paul Maynard MP. The FMC is looking forward to meeting the new minister and encouraging him to do more to promote the use of family mediation.

### [CAP Review](#)

The President of the Family Division, Sir Andrew McFarlane, recently formed a working group to make recommendations to improve the Child Arrangements Programme. It is expected that a formal consultation outlining these recommendations will be published shortly.

### [Pensions Advisory Group](#)

The FJC's Pension Advisory Group is producing a guide to pensions on divorce for the benefit of judges, legal and financial practitioners and the divorcing public. Since its inception, PAG has deliberated and invited feedback from practitioners on the

issues to be addressed and, as part of its work, has produced two draft reports for consultation at <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/pensions-divorce-interdisciplinary-working-group>. The group has now analysed the feedback, discussed revisions to the report, and is in the process of preparing the final drafts of a combined, professional guide with detailed appendices. The target date for publication of the final guide is 30 June 2019, with a much-simplified guide for non-specialists and the divorcing public being published on-line by the end of September 2019.

## **Opportunities for Mediators**

### **Mediation Practice for Sale**

An established mediation practice in the Thames Valley is for sale due to imminent retirement of the owner, although she would look to stay on for a short handover period as a consultant. Current turnover £65,000 - £70,000. Although the Legal Aid contract was surrendered last year, the practice is set up to operate under LAA rules, and further income could be generated if the contract were reinstated. Good contacts with local solicitors. Financial arrangements wholly negotiable. All enquiries to Lesley on 07887 802792.

## **Upcoming Events & Training**

The FMC aims to bring you information about training, courses and workshops related to family mediation, to aid professional development. Courses are also listed on our [website](#), where you will find more details about submitting events to be included.

- 1 June (and later dates), NFM: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London
- 5 June, FMA: [Learning from your own doubt, stuckness and frustration as a mediator](#), London
- 5 – 6 June and 18 September, LADR: Professional Practice Consultancy Training, Birmingham. For more information, please contact [lesley.allport@ladr.net](mailto:lesley.allport@ladr.net)
- 6 June, Adrienne Cox (Devon and Exeter Mediation Training): [Effective Screening for Domestic Abuse in Mediation](#), Bristol
- 11 June, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Update Day](#), Birmingham

- 18 June, FMA: [Motivational Interviewing](#), Leeds
- 19 June, FMA: [How to Talk with Children in High Conflict Divorce and Separation Cases](#), London
- 21-22 June, [College of Mediators: Annual Conference](#), London
- 4 July, FMA: [Parental Alienation: Recognition and Appropriate Responses in Mediation](#), Leeds
- 5 July, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 11 July, FMA: [Parental Alienation Advanced Day](#), London
- 7 September, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 9 September (and later dates), FMA: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), Leeds
- 9 September (and later dates), Resolution: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London
- 9 September, FMA: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\) Awareness and Understanding Day](#), Leeds
- 10 – 12 September, FMA: [Child Inclusive Mediation \(CIM\)](#), Leeds
- 13 September, FMA: [CIM Update Day](#), Leeds
- 16 September, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), Leeds
- 17 September, Resolution: [CIM Awareness and Understanding Day](#), London
- 17 September, LADR: CIM Awareness and Understanding Day, Birmingham. For more information, please contact [lesley.allport@ladr.net](mailto:lesley.allport@ladr.net)
- 18 September, LADR: CIM Update Day, Birmingham. For more information, please contact [lesley.allport@ladr.net](mailto:lesley.allport@ladr.net)
- 18 – 20 September, Resolution: [Refresher Training](#), London

- 18 – 20 September (and later dates), Ataraxy Mediation Training: [Family Mediation Foundation Training Course](#), London
- 25 September, College of Mediators: South East Mediation Network Event, London. For more information, please contact: [magrob521@msn.com](mailto:magrob521@msn.com)
- 26 September, NFM: [2019 Legal Update for Mediators](#), London
- 1 October (and later dates), NFM: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London
- 1 – 3 October, LADR: Introduction to Mediation, Birmingham. For more information, please contact [lesley.allport@ladr.net](mailto:lesley.allport@ladr.net)
- 4 October, FMA: [Systemic Theory and Practice in Separation and Divorce Dilemmas](#), London
- 9 October, NFM: [2019 Legal Update for Mediators](#), Birmingham
- 16 October, College of Mediators: North West Mediation Network Event, Manchester. For more information, please contact: [info@solutiontalk.co.uk](mailto:info@solutiontalk.co.uk)
- 17 – 18 October, Resolution: Dispute Resolution Conference. For more information, please contact [sullivan@resolution.org.uk](mailto:sullivan@resolution.org.uk)
- 19 – 20 October and 15 January, LADR. Child Inclusive Mediation Training, Birmingham. For more information, please contact [lesley.allport@ladr.net](mailto:lesley.allport@ladr.net)
- 23 October, LADR: CIM Awareness and Understanding Day, York. For more information, please contact [lesley.allport@ladr.net](mailto:lesley.allport@ladr.net)
- 24 October, LADR: CIM Update Day, York. For more information, please contact [lesley.allport@ladr.net](mailto:lesley.allport@ladr.net)
- 24 October, NFM: [Workshop – Acceptance, Truth & Lies](#), London
- 6 – 8 November, NFM: [Refresher Training for Family Mediators](#), London
- 7 November, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 14 – 15 November, FMA: [PPC Foundation Training](#), London
- 18 November, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), London
- 21 November, FMA: [Parental Alienation Advanced Day](#), Leeds

- 26 November, FMA: [Motivational Interviewing](#), London
  - 2 December, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), Manchester
  - Ongoing, NFM Training: [Professional Practice Consultancy Training](#), Distance learning
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