

FMC Newsletter

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Recent FMC Developments

Standards Review – Changes to the Standards Framework and resources to help mediators

The FMC's review of the accreditation process is continuing. The Chair of the FMSB has written to all mediators to provide an update on the review – this update can be read [here](#).

One result of the review is that the FMC and FMSB have [agreed immediate amendments](#) to the portfolio requirements, to provide mediators with more opportunity to demonstrate the competencies required to meet the scheme's standards. The [Standards Framework](#) has been amended as a result.

The FMC and FMSB are also putting in place more practical support for mediators working towards accreditation. A [list of PPCs](#) available to take on consultees and guide them through the accreditation process has been introduced and can be found on the FMC website, with more documents aimed at providing support and guidance due to be added to the website in the coming months.

Renewal of Accreditation

Accredited mediators are reminded of the need to renew their accreditation every three years. The FMSB's Accreditation Panel has made an [example](#) of a well-completed application available for mediators. It is recommended that mediators keep records of their CPD, including a note of benefit to their clients, and all PPC contact on a rolling basis, to ensure accuracy of applications and to make the process less time consuming for them.

Mediator Member of FMSB

The FMC is seeking to appoint a family mediator member to sit on the FMSB. Members will be at the forefront of the implementation and development of the new standards and self-regulatory framework of the FMC. Please see [here](#) for more details. The closing date for applications is now 30th September 2019.

FMC LinkedIn Legal Aid Group

The FMC is seeking a volunteer to manage its LinkedIn Legal Aid Group. If you are interested, please contact Helen Anthony at executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk

Child Inclusive Mediation (CIM) (This information was printed in the last newsletter but contained an error, so has been corrected and is included again for clarity)

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 not previously trained in DCC).

Mediators who are working towards accreditation who submit their portfolios 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.

Annual Report

The FMC has published its Annual Report for 2018, which incorporates the FMSB's Annual Report for 2018 and the FMC's Accounts to 31.12.18. They are available to view on the FMC's website [here](#).

Developments from Elsewhere

A Guide to the Treatment of Pensions on Divorce

The Pensions Advisory Group has published [A Guide to the Treatment of Pensions on Divorce](#), a free-to-access online interactive guide. It has the support and endorsement of the President of the Family Division and the Family Justice Council and has been partially funded by the Nuffield Foundation.

Opportunities for Mediators

Accredited Family Mediator Vacancy: Peterborough, Loughborough, Bedford and Milton Keynes

Family Law Group Ltd is an established legal practice specialising in all areas of family law. An opportunity has arisen for an experienced and accredited Family Mediator to join our team. This is a specialist role within our Mediation Department and it is expected that the successful candidate will be able to conduct Legal Aid and private mediation in both children and financial mediation cases. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Family Mediation Vacancy: Norfolk Family Mediation Service

Following year on year growth Norfolk Family Mediation is looking to expand its pool of Family Mediators. As one of the oldest family mediation charities in the UK, we pride ourselves on striving to support families across Norfolk who are going through separation or divorce. Our service is run from our head office in Norwich with outreach delivery in Great Yarmouth and Kings Lynn. We are seeking mediators who are accredited or working towards accreditation, and who can either dedicate a few days a month or who would like to form part of our core delivery team. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Jane Knight Scholarship

In memory of Jane Knight (FMCA) who sadly died earlier this year, Yorkshire based mediation firm, Family Matters Mediation, will be launching the Jane Knight Memorial Mediation Scholarship in September 2019. The annual scholarship is open to those who have completed mediation foundation training and are looking to move onto the next step of mediation experience and supervision. Family Matters will provide all the casework necessary to prepare the portfolio required to become an accredited mediator with the Family Mediation Council and fund half of the cost of the ten-hour supervision necessary to prepare the portfolio. Family Matters' trained professional practice consultants will also read the portfolio and provide vital feedback before it is submitted. Please see [here](#) for more information.

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.

- 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
- 18 September, LADR: CIM Update Day, Birmingham. For more information, please contact 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
- 23 September, NFM: [CIM Awareness and Understanding Day](#), London
- 24 - 26 September, NFM: [Child Inclusive Mediation Training](#), London
- 25 September, College of Mediators: South East Mediation Network Event, London. For more information, please contact: magrob521@msn.com
- 26 September, NFM: [2019 Legal Update for Mediators](#), London
- 30 September (and later dates), LBA Excellence: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London
- 1 October (and later dates), NFM: [Family Mediation Foundation Training](#), London

- 2 - 3 October, FMA: [Annual Conference](#), London
- 1 – 3 October, LADR: Introduction to Mediation, Birmingham. For more information, please contact 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, NFM: [Workshop – Acceptance, Truth & Lies](#), London
- 16 October, Adrian Wright & Judi Lyons: CIM Awareness and Understanding Day, London. For more information, please contact judi.lyons@ntlworld.com or achieve.it@virgin.new
- 16 October, College of Mediators: North West Mediation Network Event, Manchester. For more information, please contact: info@solutiontalk.co.uk
- 17 – 18 October, Resolution: Dispute Resolution Conference. For more information, please contact denise.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
- 23 October, LADR: CIM Awareness and Understanding Day, York. For more information, please contact lesley.allport@ladr.net
- 24 October, LADR: CIM Update Day, York. For more information, please contact lesley.allport@ladr.net
- 4 - 5 November and later dates, LBA Excellence: [Family Refresher Training](#), London
- 6 – 8 November, NFM: [Refresher Training for Family Mediators](#), London
- 7 November, NFM: [Introduction to Mediation](#), London
- 8 November, Adrian Wright & Judi Lyons: CIM Update Day, Leicester. For more information please contact judi.lyons@ntlworld.com or achieve.it@virgin.new
- 12 November, NFM: [CIM Update Day](#), London
- 13 November, NFM: [CIM Awareness and Understanding Day](#), Warrington
- 14 – 15 November, FMA: [PPC Foundation Training](#), London
- 18 November, FMA: [PPC Update of Theory and Practice](#), London

- 18 – 19 November & 3 February, Adrian Wright & Judi Lyons: CIM Training, Abingdon. For more information please contact judi.lyons@ntlworld.com or achieve.it@virgin.net
- 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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