

Training on the new FMC Mediation Screening and Assessment: Guidance and Resource

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3 .5 hour course 10 am to 1.30 pm 3.5 hours CPD

Online

See dates below

Effective and appropriate screening and assessment for domestic abuse in relation to mediation safety and suitability is paramount in ensuring safe and positive outcomes in mediation and is applicable not just when deciding whether to mediate, but throughout the mediation process.

This training is for those who already have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the behaviours and tactics used by perpetrators of abuse and coercive control, as well as the impact of these behaviours on potential participants in mediation, as well as their children. This is essential in ensuring that assessments in mediation are as safe as possible. It is also important to have undertaken training on this sufficiently recently, to be able to use the new FMC Domestic Abuse Screening and Assessment Resource, as effectively as possible.

The Resource has been developed to assist you in making safer assessments for mediation, by providing a structure for assessment, helping you to assess any possible indicators of risk so that you and the participants can decide whether mediation would be safe, appropriate and suitable, as well as assisting in the consideration of whether, with appropriate safety planning, mediation can proceed.

The aim of the course

The aim of the training is to take you through all parts of the Resource, in a practical step by step way, to enable you to feel confident in using the toolkit, and to assist you in making better and safer decisions about the safety and suitability of mediation. It will assist in increasing your confidence in identifying risk factors for abuse and coercive control and then apply this knowledge to your safety planning, and your assessment of whether to proceed with mediation.

The session will provide opportunity for exploring effective question techniques and ways of bringing the toolkit into your MIAM in an effective and seamless way, as well as exploring how the resource can assist in providing a structure to achieve safer assessments.

There will be opportunity to discuss its use, practice using the Resource, share case scenarios that you wish to bring, and share any concerns that you may have in relation to introducing this toolkit into your everyday practice.

At the end of day, the aim of the training is that you will feel more confident about using the Resource and toolkit in your assessment meetings, which will lead to better safeguarding, risk identification and safer mediation practice.

This training will be a mix of presentation, small group discussion, case studies, large group discussion as well as time for questions. It is designed to be interactive, thought provoking and informative.

Who is this training for?

- All mediators who wish to learn about and feel confident in the use of the Resource and who have a detailed existing knowledge of domestic abuse and coercive control in terms of behaviours of perpetrators and impact on victims/survivors and children

Dates

- **Thursday 17th September 2026**
- **Tuesday 24th November 2026**

Cost

The cost of the day's training will be £70 + vat. There will need to be a minimum of 6 participants for the course to run.

Please email Adrienne Cox on ac@devexmediation.co.uk for more details or to register interest in attending