

Domestic Abuse training and training on the new FMC Mediation Screening and Assessment: Guidance and Resource

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1 day course 10 am to 4.30pm 6 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.

Understanding 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, is essential in ensuring that our assessments as mediators are as safe as possible. It is also essential to have this in depth understanding of both tactics and impact, 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.

This session will be divided into 2 parts.

Part 1

Part 1 will provide participants with an increased knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse and coercive control. This will help ensure, as far as possible, that only clients that are suited to the mediation process, proceed to mediation and if mediation does proceed, that clients are protected sufficiently throughout the process.

It will highlight perpetrator tactics and the impact of domestic abuse (with a focus on coercive control) on the victim/survivor and their children and a consideration of how this might impact the decision as to whether it is safe and suitable to proceed with mediation.

Part 2

Part 2 of the training will 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 and knowledge 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, videos, 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 combine learning about the use of the Resource with training on Domestic abuse and coercive control

Dates

- **Monday 12th October 2026**
- **Tuesday 17th November 2026**

Cost

The cost of the day's training will be £125 + vat.

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