

# Family mediation

Resolving family disputes  
without courts complexities

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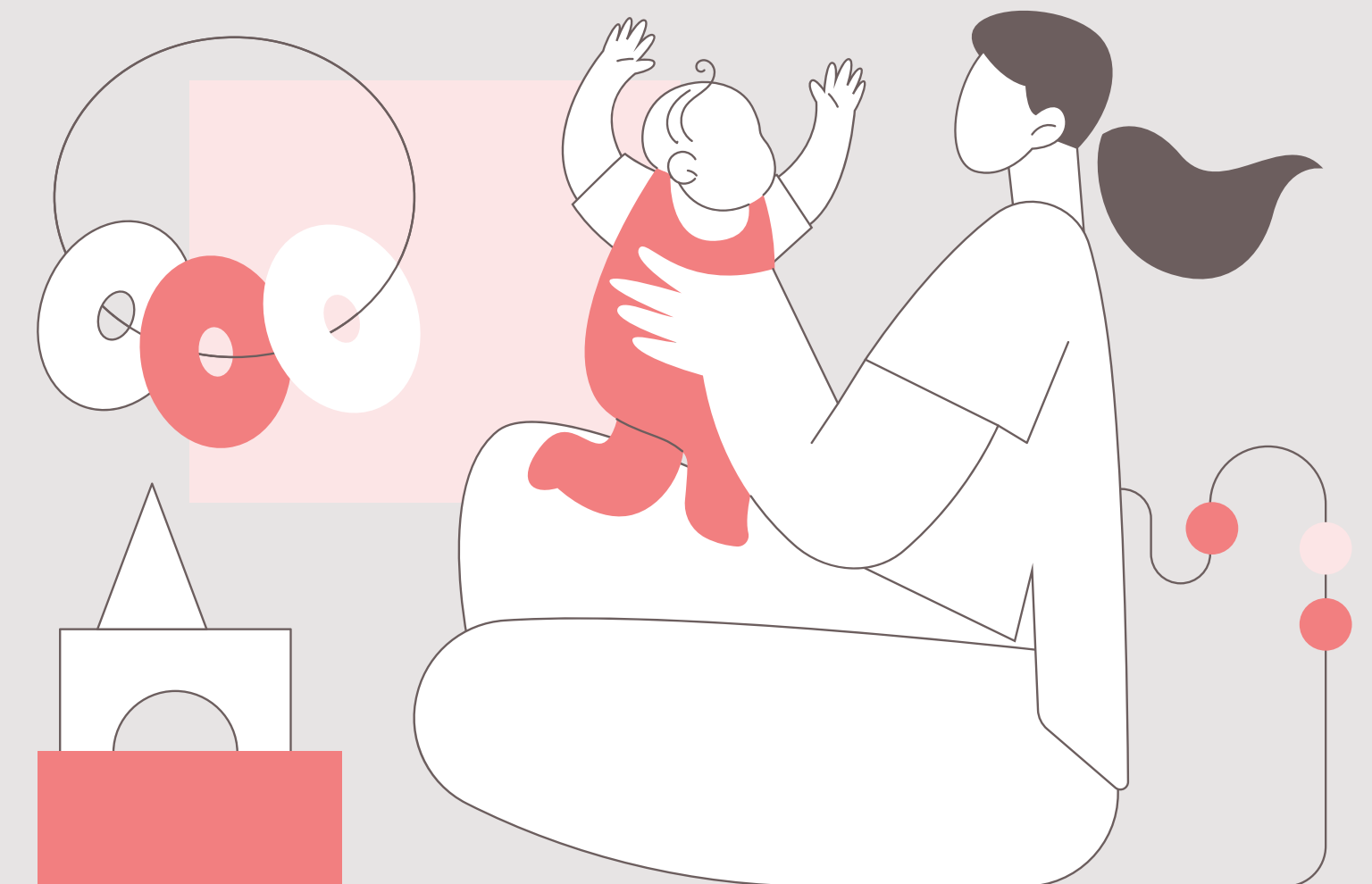
# 1 What is family mediation?

- > **Family law recognises that mediation** should take place before court proceedings, where appropriate.
- > Mediation is:
  - > **Confidential** – unless overriding issues
  - > **Voluntary** – unless court ordered
  - > **Impartial** – no sides, no legal advice
  - > **Without prejudice** – not used in court



## 2 What do mediators do?

- > Families going through **separation** or **divorce**.
- > When communication breaks down during separation or divorce, a **FMC registered mediator can help resolve:**
  - > **Child arrangement**
  - > **Child maintenance**
  - > **Financial settlements**
  - > **Other separation-related issues**



### 3 What are the benefits?

- > Mediation is a quicker, calmer, and more private way to resolve family issues
  - > **Participants in control** over process and the outcome
  - > **In mediation, you decide** – in court, a judge decides
  - > **Quickest and cheapest** way to resolve issues
  - > **Promotes better communication and cooperation**
  - > **Encouraged by the family court** before legal proceedings
  - > **Focuses on practical solutions** that work for everyone

# 4 What is the process?

*MIAM is court-required, further mediation is voluntary*

**Consent Order** – makes mediation proposals legally binding

OFS and MOU – for financial cases  
 Parenting Plan – for child-related cases  
 Outcome Summary – no full agreement

joint MIAM optional

**Initial Contact / Enquiry**

**MIAM with P1**

**MIAM with P2**

**Joint Session/s P1 & P2**

**Mediation Agreement**

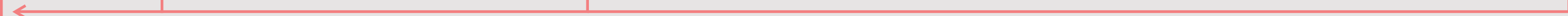
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if no or not respont

*may take place over multiple meetings to cover all issues*

if no agreement or partial agreement reached

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 MIAM Certificate issued



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