

How much do I have to pay?

For the assessment meeting – free to all.

At this meeting we will assess whether you qualify for legal aid.

If you are not eligible for legal aid we will give you an idea of the likely costs of mediation.

The service is:

Confidential - Nothing you say is passed on to anyone without your consent. However, should there be concerns regarding harm to others, particularly children, this will have to be reported.

Privileged - what you say during mediation cannot be quoted in any future proceedings.

Without Prejudice – decisions reached during mediation are not binding unless and until they are implemented in a legal agreement between yourselves or a court order, i.e a consent order can be lodged at court, requesting the court to make an order in the same terms as the proposals reached at mediation.

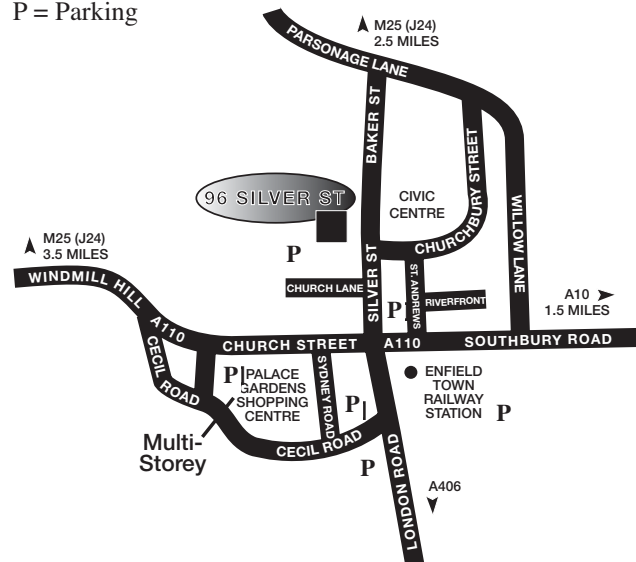
How To Find Us

By Car: Enfield town is in easy reach of the M25 (Junctions 24 & 25), the A10 from Cambridge and Central London, and the North-South London route. There are two main car parks situated in Sydney Road, which is a 2 minute walk from the centre of the Town to our Offices.

There are three ancillary car parks, the entrances of which can be found in St. Andrews Road, Genotin Road and Church Lane. There is also a Multi-Storey car park giving access to the Town shopping centre. Immediately outside our offices there are Pay & Display parking spaces between the hours of 8am and 6.30pm. There are further limited free parking spaces by the Police Station, situated almost directly opposite our offices and adjacent to the Civic Centre.

BY TRAIN: Use British Rail Enfield town station connecting with Liverpool Street and London Transport's Seven Sisters Road Station (Victoria Line).

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Shepherd Harris & Co Mediation Service

Shepherd Harris & Co. Solicitors have been established for over 50 years and are a well established general practice specialising in a number of areas of law including Family Work.

Shepherd Harris & Co mediation service has been introduced to meet the growing demand of clients who wish to resolve their relationship breakdown disputes in a dignified manner.

Family mediation can help with decisions about:

- Divorce or Separation Agreement issues.
- Arrangements for the children including contact and residence
- Arrangements to divide up finance and property.
- Maintenance
- Grandparent/grandchild contact.

Mediation can only take place if both/all parties to the dispute agree to participate.

What is family mediation?

Family mediation helps couples who are separating or divorcing work out arrangements for the future. Mediation is not marriage guidance or counselling but a way of helping couples sort out some of the practical details of a divorce or separation.

Family mediation is not only for married couples, it is also suitable for co-habiting or same-sex couples who have decided to



separate, or those who separated or divorced some time ago.

We can also help grandparents with concerns about grandchild contact.

Do I need a solicitor or other help?

Clients come to mediation at different stages of the divorce or separation process. You may wish to seek (or we may suggest) specialist legal or other professional advice during mediation to help you make informed decisions.

The mediator is there as your negotiation specialist to help you both come to your own solutions.

At the end of mediation your mediator will produce documents setting out your proposals. If you wish, a solicitor can help make these legally binding.

What are the advantages of mediation?

Research shows that couples find mediation extremely useful in the early stages of separation in providing impartial information on the law and legal procedures. Some of the other benefits of mediation are: that it enables couples to examine and explore the options open to them in a confidential setting; assists couples in making informed decisions; facilitates communication and cooperation and is a cost effective alternative to the court process.

Mediation

- reduces stress and the impact on both parents and children.
- is more cost effective and quicker than alternative routes.
- is not about confrontation but negotiation.
- helps you find your answers.
- produces longer-lasting solutions.
- And can keep you talking