

Family Mediators Welcome Government Voucher Scheme

The UK government has today issued £1 million in vouchers towards family mediation for disputes on parenting. Mediate UK will be members of the scheme.

UNITED KINGDOM, March 26, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The government has today announced that it is investing £1m in [family mediation](#), to support families to resolve issues relating to children. Under the scheme, the Ministry of Justice will provide contributions of up to £500 per family, to resolve issues relating to children following parental separation. Mediation will be provided by Family Mediation Council Accredited (FMCA) mediators and the fund will reduce the costs of mediation for at least 2000 families.

John Taylor, Chair of the Family Mediation Council said 'This government investment in mediation is much welcomed by the Family Mediation Council. It will help separated families agree solutions that are best for their children, taking into account what is going to be important for them as they grow up. Family mediation is a proven cost-effective way to resolve differences following separation. This voucher scheme will make it even more accessible, and will help families resolve issues for themselves, without having to go to court.'



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Family mediation is a process in which an independent, professionally trained mediator helps parents work out arrangements for children and finances following separation. Mediation can also be helpful when previous child arrangements need to change, particularly as children grow up.

Ali Carter, the managing director of [Mediate UK](#), who will be participating in the scheme, hopes this will help parents struggling with separation and the additional impact that Covid has had on relationships, "Children of separated parents have suffered as a result of schools closing, not being able to see family members and in many cases parents arguing and disagreeing over arrangements during the outbreak. At a time when money is tight, these vouchers, which are open to any parents or grandparents going through a dispute, will help families resolve their parenting issues, keep more funds available for the family and ultimately help children at an extremely difficult time in their lives. We welcome this news and are available to help families anywhere in England and Wales online or at our national network of branches."

Further information about the scheme, aimed at families who may benefit, can be found following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/family-mediation-voucher-scheme>

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