

# New family mediation in Epsom

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## Relate Mid and East Surrey Launches New Family Mediation Service

Relate Mid and East Surrey is thrilled to announce the launch of its new family mediation service, designed to help families resolve conflicts peacefully and constructively. This service reflects our commitment to offering practical, affordable solutions for families in our community.

## What Is Mediation?

Mediation is a process where an independent, professional mediator helps families work through disagreements over parenting, property, or finances following separation. Unlike court proceedings, mediation focuses on collaboration, ensuring all parties have a voice and reach mutually beneficial solutions. It's quicker, less stressful, and often far less expensive than legal action.

## How Mediation Helps

Mediation provides a structured and supportive environment where families can address issues such as parenting arrangements, property division, and financial agreements. It is quicker, less stressful, and significantly cheaper than going to court, allowing families to maintain control over their decisions.

### Key Benefits:

- Helps you make arrangements about parenting, property, and money.
- Is less stressful than going to court.
- Saves you money as it's usually much cheaper than being represented in court.
- Puts your child's interests first.
- Helps you move on quickly to the next stage of your life.

Debbie Holden, Chief Executive of Relate Mid and East Surrey, explains:

"Family mediation is about empowering people to create solutions that work for everyone involved. Our mediators guide families through difficult conversations, ensuring children's needs remain at the forefront while reducing the emotional and financial burden of conflict."

## Flexible and Affordable Options

Our new service includes private assessment meetings and joint mediation sessions, tailored to meet each family's unique needs. We offer a sliding scale of fees to ensure affordability, with additional support through the Family Mediation Voucher Scheme, providing up to £500 for child arrangement cases.

### Key Features:

- **Child-inclusive mediation** to give children a voice in the process.
- **Rapid appointments**, often within a week.
- A focus on **long-term solutions** that foster positive co-parenting relationships.

## Join Us for Family Mediation Week

Family Mediation Week (27-31 January) highlights the importance of mediation in resolving family disputes. We encourage families to explore how this service can support them during life transitions.

### More information can be found at:

<https://relatemitandeaastsurrey.co.uk/family-mediation/>

## Contact Us

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