

National Procurement Plan for Family Mediation

Procurement Summary

1. Family Mediation

We intend to invite providers to register for new Family Mediation Contracts from 2010 to deliver the full range of publicly funded family mediation services (Children, Finance and All Issues) across England and Wales.

England and Wales has a good level of access to Family Mediation and we anticipate that this will be maintained and improved where possible.

- We will therefore invite providers to register their interest in delivering the full range of family mediation under 2010 contracting arrangements.
- Where providers wish to undertake outreach they should list the geographical areas where they would like to provide additional mediation provision.

2. Access

Although access remains good, there are a couple of pockets of England and Wales where we would particularly welcome interest in providing additional mediation services. These include: Central Wales (Ceredigion, Powys) and North Wales, Northumberland, Bury, Wiltshire, West Berkshire, South Buckinghamshire, Leicester, Knowsley and St. Helens.

3. Budget

The current spend on family mediation is approximately £13.8m. However, this budget is not capped, as we are keen to increase the number of family disputes referred to and resolved by mediation year on year. It is for this reason that there are no restrictions on the number of mediation matters that can be started by a service.

4. Current Supply

Category	No. Of Providers	Mediation Referrals in 08/09	Mediation NMS in 2008/09
Family Mediation	190	52,086	13,552

6. Breakdown Of Mediation Work by Region

The following table shows the breakdown of spend and mediation NMS across LSC regions.

Regions	Mediation Starts 08/09
Birmingham	1,424
Brighton	1,349
Bristol	1,843
Cambridge	1,381
Cardiff	1,010
Leeds	1,482
Liverpool	201
London	936
Manchester	960
Newcastle	471
Nottingham	1,132
Reading	1,363
Grand Total	13,552