

**Fee Structure – Family Mediation
Operational from 1 October 2007**

Willingness Test (Excluding VAT)

Willingness test	
	£25

Assessment Meetings (Excluding VAT)

Activity	Now
Assessment alone	£87
Assessment separate	£87
Assessment together	£130

Mediation fees (excl VAT)

Category of Work	Single Session	Multi session	Agreed Proposal
AIM Sole	£168	£756	£252
AIM Co	£230	£1064	£252
PF Sole	£168	£588	£189
PF Co	£230	£834	£189
Child Sole	£168.00	£462	£126
Child Co	£230	£647	£126

This fee scheme will harmonise payment rates so that for-profit and not-for-profit family mediators are remunerated in the same way. This is in line with the recommendations of the National Audit Office's report on family mediation¹ which was published last year.

For details of how the fee scheme will operate, such as undertaking direct consultation with children, rules around the opening of new cases and the point in the case when consideration of mediation must take place, please refer to our publication *Family and Family Mediation Fee Schemes from October 2007* (available from our website at the following link: http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/civil/docs_for_consultation/family_fee_schemes.asp).

For an overview of how the various civil fee schemes will operate, please refer to the civil fee schemes matrix (available on the Community Legal Service > Pay Rates and Schemes page of our website – www.legalservices.gov.uk)

¹ *Legal aid and mediation for people involved in family breakdown*, NAO (March 2007)