



Mediators offering to volunteer with the PMS must:

- be able and willing to visit people in their own homes, throughout the PMS's catchment area
- offer at least five hours a month, on a flexible basis (to meet appointment times)
- participate fully in continuous professional development (CPD) activities
- be at least 18 years of age

Subject to Volunteer Mediators fulfilling a set commitment to the PMS, the costs of initial training may be waived



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Funders

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MEDIATOR TRAINING



ACCREDITED TRANSFERABLE SKILLED



Mediation is:

- an informal but structured way of dealing with differences or disputes
- impartial, as Mediators do not take sides or make judgements
- independent, as Mediators do not have allegiances to other bodies
- voluntary, as individuals may choose to use or withdraw from the Mediation process at any time
- confidential, as everything discussed is treated in strictest confidence

Mediators:

- facilitate communication between people with disagreements or who are in dispute with each other, so that they can focus on future behaviours that will help resolve differences and enhance their lives and environments
- follow a process which usually involves visiting people in their own homes or meeting them at their business premises or at the PMS Office, and then bringing them together at managed, structured meetings
- listen and assist individuals to find ways forward for themselves

Training in Mediation offered by the PMS includes:

- full Accredited Mediator course at Open College Network (OCN) Level 3
- Skills Used in Mediation course (to be registered with the OCN at Level 2)
- courses and programmes designed to meet specific requests and needs. (Not part of an external accreditation process)

Contact the PMS Office for more detailed information

Mediation is increasingly being used in a wide range of areas of dispute resolution

Mediators act in line with specific and specialised Mediation principles and practices

Being an Accredited Mediator is a transferable skill, useful throughout life