



## **SEND Mediation Review Panel**

The members of the SEND Mediation Review Panel are chosen jointly by the College of Mediators and the Civil Mediation Council on the basis of published criteria set out below together with the responsibilities of the Panel members.

The current members of the Panel are:

Audrey Dorival  
Janet Flawith  
Irvine Gersch  
Laura Green  
Sue Hall  
Martha Monday  
John Walker  
Ben Walsh  
Adrian Wilson

### **Selection criteria for appointment**

Panel members are to be appointed jointly by the College of Mediators and Civil Mediation Council. The Panel will be mainly composed of mediators with a couple of independent non-mediators.

### ***Selection criteria for mediator members of the panel***

- experienced mediator
- good knowledge of SEND mediation or experience of mediation training
- excellent verbal and written communication skills
- ability to work constructively with others
- enthusiasm and commitment to the role

### ***Selection criteria for independent, non-mediator members***

- independence of mind, a willingness to question and to challenge
- excellent verbal and written communication skills
- ability to work constructively with others
- enthusiasm and commitment to the role.

### **Practicalities and responsibilities**

- Mediator members of the panel will act as training course reviewers. Training courses will be reviewed by two members of the panel independently, who will discuss their reviews and make a recommendation to the panel about whether to approve the course. Between them, the two reviewers must have experience of SEND mediation and of mediation training.
- Mediator members will act alone as assessors to consider applications for SEND status and will make a recommendation to the panel.
- The panel will consider recommendations from training course reviewers and assessors about changes to the Standards. In deciding whether to follow the recommendation, the panel will consider whether the correct process has been followed and whether the reviewers' recommendations are in line. The panel therefore acts as a moderator and a ratifier.
- Panel members will carry out spot checks on the registration of mediators as required.
- It is anticipated that the panel will communicate mostly by e-mail, and decisions to ratify applications can be made in this way. The Panel will meet approximately twice a year to discuss items related to best practice. The administrators and/or co-chairs of the panel will communicate on email and by phone to Panel members about the work of the Panel and any assignment of work.
- Panel members will be paid an agreed rate for carrying out a training course review, assessment of a portfolio and spot checks (comparable to the fees for such work in Family Mediation). Panel members are not paid for their other work as panel members.