

Me2We



Relationship
Support



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ME2WE RELATIONSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES

Main Objective:

To resolve disputes within a relationship amicably and professionally through mediation, and consolidate the relationship where possible, and if not, offer steps forward to deal with the case.

Our Aim:

To enable encouragement of healthy and successful relationships through our services, and within marriages, to avoid divorce where possible.

Our Duty:

As the relationship support committee, we help and support individuals in their journey to successful relationships and marriages and assist them to work out issues along the way. We always adhere for our input to be neutral and unbiased, and will not favour one party against another, make any judgements, or carry any pre-determined views.

We are a voluntary committee of the KSIMC of Birmingham and not a legal body, and therefore, would not take any responsibility or liabilities, should anything of this nature present itself in the future.

We sign-post individuals who are in need of our service and support them throughout, should they require it. Our duty is to reconcile and mediate if and when necessary, providing different forms of support, based on the kind of relationship which needs it.

Procedure: Process of referral:

When a client calls, emails or is referred to the committee by the Jamaat in regards to an issue, the procedure below has been followed.

On occasions, if clients get in touch with any other member of the committee, the chair needs to be notified, and requested on steps forward, before starting the processes stated below.

The process to be followed by the relationship support committee, should then be carried out in the following steps:



- When it is evident that a mediation process is to begin between a couple, both parties will be requested to complete the Me2We Rsc mediation request form / talaaq application form and sign the Undertaking and Client Agreement Form.
- Mediation applicants will be informed that the "Me2We RSC" will appoint trained mediators to deal with their case, however, applicants may sometimes be able to request if they would **not** prefer a certain case handler, due to personal relations etc. Other agencies or specific professionals could also be suggested by the Me2We RSC, depending on the case presented.
- At this point a member of the Me2We committee will be in touch with both parties, and collate their grievances over the phone, writing their names, contact details and brief of the issues regarding the marriage or relationship
- A meeting will then be arranged (over the phone or in person) with the individuals as necessary to move forward
- In the meeting, the committee's roles and aims will be explained, as well as the mediation steps forward and focussed outcome of the case.
- Those involved will be informed that all members of the committee have signed the Confidentiality Agreement document and all information given will be kept confidential, as well as non-judgemental
- It will be explained that cases could be discussed within other members of the committee, however this would be strictly on a need to know basis
- After hearing the case or problem, the mediator(s) will arrange the next meeting, where they would discuss further and try and set up some goal or strategies. The number of further sessions would then be arranged between mediators and clients.

Our Responsibilities:

We are available purely as mediators to help reconcile the relationship. Where the people involved become estranged and the breakdown is inevitable, we intend to help the situation in a well-mannered and disciplined approach.

Our Responsibilities (Specifically for marriage cases):

The committee member involved with the client may suggest they need to request the Talaaq on the Jamaat Talaaq Portal after the couple has undergone an appropriate amount of mediation, and/or their legal absolute divorce has been granted, mainly for the safety of both individuals, children and to sort out the finances and property.

After paying the Talaaq admin fees, and only if/ when all other options have been exhausted, the couple will be given an appointment for their Talaaq to take place, by the jamaat admin team, to be issued by the resident Aalim of the time.



They will need to fill a form specifying the type of divorce they are applying for, as well as be prepared with their absolute divorce documentation, as well as original Nikkah certificate.

Both parties must be present for this recitation, and must be accompanied by 2 witnesses of their choosing. The couple, Aalim, and witnesses will then sign the Me2We Divorce certification document and the certificate will be issued to both parties straight away.

The Talaq feedback form will also be given to both parties at this point to be filled out at this point and handed back.

N.B: Talaq will be not recited if mediation and/or legal divorce is not done. This process may take longer than expected, and the committee expect that both parties be patient and work with mediators.



Mediation Request & Talaq Petition

Petitioner:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Contact:

Date of Birth

Occupation:

Name of Community Where Member:

Spouse :

Name :

Address:

Telephone Contact:

Date of Birth:

Occupation:

Name of Community Where Member:

Important Information:

Date and Place Of Marriage:

Number of Children:

Ages of Children:



Reasons For Seeking Mediation / Talaaq (By Petitioner)

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If All Mediation Efforts Fail And The Matter Comes To Talaaq, I Agree To Pay The Fee Of £200/- Prior To Talaaq Being Recited By The Resident Aalim - KSIMC Of Birmingham.

I fully understand that this is a voluntary mediation service and that the providers may be accredited professionals. However, Me2We are not providing a professional service. This is provided as part of the Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri community package which I wish to engage in; but, if I feel that this service is not adequate and wish to explore other professional avenues, I am free to do so

Signed

Petitioner.....

Name.....

Date.....



MEDIATION SERVICE UNDERTAKING / CLIENT AGREEMENT FORM

I.....and my spouse.....

having requested the mediation service offered by ME 2 WE RSC of K S I M C of Birmingham hereby agree and undertake to abide by the following conditions laid down:

1. Having chosen 2 preferred mediators listed, we will attend mediation sessions as and when arranged and requested.
2. The advice and guidance given by the mediators will be followed by us to the best of our ability.
3. On our part we will observe the code of confidentiality and refrain from discussing our disputed affairs in public.
4. We will air our grievances and disputed issues within our relationship to the mediators avoiding any confrontations with our spouse.
5. We agree that the mediation may take up to six months depending on the case during which there will be an element of mentoring and the progress in our relationship will be followed by the mediators.
6. Any discussions on Islamic Talaq / Civil Divorce will only be entertained once all the above conditions HAVE BEEN met and the mediation efforts HAVE FAILED to bring about peaceful resolution to our relationship.



7. We understand that the Islamic Talaq will only be recited once the Civil Divorce is filed and Decree Nisi and Decree Absolute are issued by the Civil Court.

8. We also understand that a fee of £200/- is payable to the KSIMC of Birmingham prior to the Islamic Talaq being recited and a Talaq Certificate issued.

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Signed

Signed.....

Dated this.....



THREE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF ISLAMIC TALAAQ

When mediation efforts fail and Islamic Talaq is considered, it is essential for a couple to decide upon the type of Talaq.

The three categories of Talaqs are :

1. RAJ'I (Revocable Divorce) – Divorce given by husband to wife.
2. BAIN (Irrevocable Divorce)- Mubarat – Husband & Wife do not want each other
3. KHULA – Divorce given by wife because of her aversion to her husband is at such a level that it is a threat to her fulfilling her marital duties.

NOTES:

It is essential for husband and wife at the time of signing a Divorce Authority Form to stipulate the type of divorce which should be pronounced by the resident alim.

Various bylaws governing the Islamic divorce will be explained by the resident alim prior to the talaq being pronounced.