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As you may already be aware, there have been some significant changes as of the 1st of January regarding mediation, MIAMs, and the signing of court forms. ***As accredited FMCA mediators, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all mediators at New Landscape Mediation are authorised to conduct MIAMs, and sign any relevant court forms on behalf of you and your clients.***

The changes referred to above are those introduced by the Family Mediation Standards Board who have begun what promises to be a series of changes to standardise the delivery of mediation across the country. This process has begun as of January this year with the first steps being a set of stringent new regulations prescribing which mediators are authorised to conduct MIAMs and which are not.

Non FMCA mediators *may* conduct initial pre-mediation meetings which proceed into mediation, but are *not* authorised to conduct a full MIAM which requires the signing of relevant court forms: either at the point of the MIAM or at any later date (even if mediation has begun but broken down). Non FMCA mediators are required to inform all clients at first interview that they are not authorised to sign any court forms. Instead, these mediators are required to seek assistance from an FMCA status mediator or their Professional Practice Consultant to request the relevant form be signed - should that third party choose to do so.

If you have any questions on these new rules and how this may affect your practice, please feel free to contact us on 01279 211 657 and we will be happy to discuss your needs and concerns.

Sincerely

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