Professional practice consultants are a critical resource for all family mediators. The role of the PPC is central to the preservation of practice standards, support for individual mediators and in communicating changes in professional practice and policy changes relating to future practice.

At the time of going to press, it is expected that the final report of the Family Justice Review Panel will be published in the Autumn. We will also have the final decisions on the future of public funding from the Government in its response to the Reform of Legal Aid consultation which is expected in the Summer.

These two update days are being offered to ensure an early update on the proposals and decisions contained in the reports, an opportunity to review the operation of the Pre-Application Protocol and of Mediation Information and Assessment Meetings and a chance to discuss matters relating to mediation practice, issues arising in supporting new and established mediators and the future role and responsibilities of Professional Practice Consultants.