



FACTSHEET

Collaborative Family Law

Figures from the Office for National Statistics show that the divorce rate in England and Wales in 2012 was 10.8 people per 1,000. This therefore means that the number of divorces in 2012 amounted to over 118,000.

The figures also predict that 42% of marriages will end in divorce.

Many of those marriages will involve children, either from that relationship, or from earlier relationships, and will involve a number of financial issues, for example property, maintenance, and pensions, to be resolved.

Collaborative Family Law is a relatively new approach, begun by family lawyers, to manage the divorce process in a constructive and dignified way.

The Family Lawyers and their clients agree in writing to reach a settlement without Court involvement. They agree to work together to resolve children and financial matters arising out of their separation.

What are the Key Features of Collaborative Law?

- The parties are in charge of the process – it is their settlement
- All discussions take place in face-to-face meetings
- Discussions focus on both parties concerns and the interests of each of them and any children
- The parties and their lawyers commit to resolve issues without going to Court

For further information about the Collaborative Process please contact our Family Lawyer, Heather Weavill, an Accredited Member of Resolution and a Collaborative Family lawyer, at the address below or by e-mail: hweavill@alisonfielden.co.uk

Please refer to this article for an initial free half hour appointment.

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