

Appendix 2: Mediation services in Scotland

Name of Service	Service provided	Nature of funding	Cost	Impact
Relationships Scotland Family Mediation	13 Family Mediation services across the country to help families deal with relationships issues	Fundors listed in Annual Report: The Scottish Government, Big Lottery Fund, Tudor Trust, Dulverton Trust, Parenting Across Scotland. Local services charge for some services.	Free or low-cost	13 Family Mediation services across the country. Annual Report 2011 states that they support 20,000 people, including 4,000 children (not just mediation service included in these figures)
Community mediation schemes	Operating in most local authorities. Scottish Community Mediation Network run by SACRO - represents most community mediation services in Scotland	Community mediation funded by local government. Scottish Community Mediation Network funded by Scottish Government	Free to service-users	In 2011-12 it received 3,566 enquiries relating to issues such as Noise, Children's Behaviour, Racial Harassment, Anti-Social or Abusive Behaviour, Boundary or Property Dispute and Homeless & Family issues
Additional Support Needs mediation	Operating in all local authorities with services provided by the following organisations: Resolve Mediation Service Common Ground Mediation Service Parent to Parent Children 1st Mediation in Education Avenue - ASL Mediation (operates in Aberdeen) Inverclyde council Enables parents of children with ASN to resolve disputes with education authorities about their child's education	Funded by local government	Free	No information available on web.

A Place for Hope - the Church of Scotland mediation service	Provides mediation primarily to help congregations and their ministers resolve disputes and disagreements	Funded by the Church of Scotland Guild but may also have other funding sources - not clear from website	Free	No information available on web.
Peer mediation	Operating in schools across Scotland to deal with disputes between pupils including some (but not all) bullying. Mediation carried out by pupils	Training in peer mediation provided by Scottish Mediation Network, which is funded by Scottish government.	Free	No information available on web.
Mediation to prevent homelessness	Operating in local authorities across Scotland primarily to help young people to remain in the family home and avoid the risk of homelessness	Cyrenians report from 2011: http://www.cyrenians.org.uk/wmslib/PDFs/amber_report_final.pdf - shows that most mediation services are funded by local authorities or mediation is provided by Homeless prevention staff as part of their remit. Some independent funding	Free	No information available on web.
Edinburgh sheriff court mediation service	Free mediation service for small claims and summary cause court-users. Most cases referred by sheriffs at first callings.	Funded by SLAB	Free	April 2010 - March 2012 - 234 cases referred