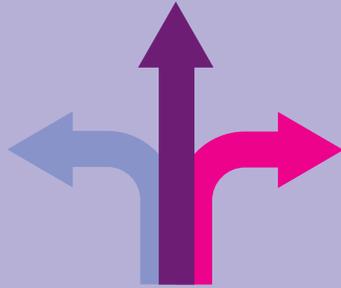


modern families: the changing face of divorce

Divorce is changing. Fewer people are going through it¹ and more couples want to steer clear of court proceedings. We spoke to leading family lawyers, financial advisers, counsellors and therapists to find out more about the future of divorce.

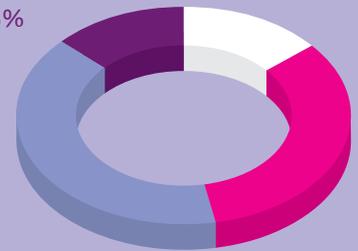
Who are you going to call?

Half (49%) of those we spoke to predict that lawyers soon won't be the first port of call for divorcing couples



How long will this change take to happen?

- This year – 14%
- The next two to four years – 33%
- The next five years – 40%
- The next ten years – 13%



Mediation a must

69% think more people are considering mediation since the change in the law in April 2014 that requires couples to attend a mediation information and assessment meeting



Not yet working together

Yet four fifths (80%) see very few law firms actively working with other specialists



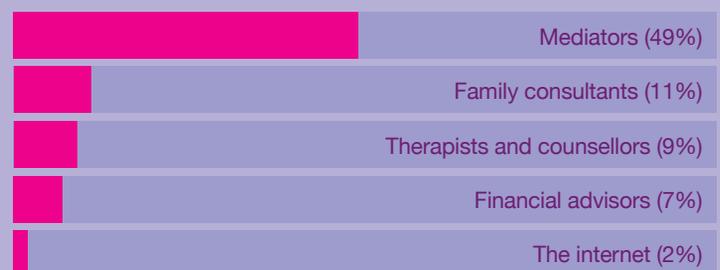
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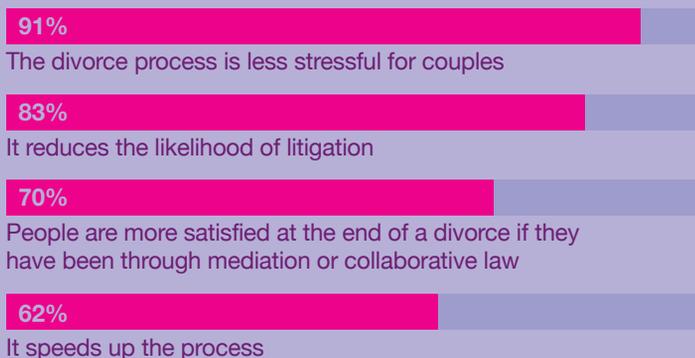
Two thirds think there is actually resistance from some lawyers to working more closely with other specialists

In fact, almost three quarters of family professionals believe lawyers are not adapting fast enough to the new divorce environment

Who is set to be the first port of call for divorcing couples in the near future?



Why work closely with other specialists?



Data sources: The data is based on the thoughts of more than 100 professionals working in the family arena including leading family lawyers, financial advisers, counsellors and therapists who were questioned about the future of divorce.

(1) ONS latest Divorce in England and Wales data: bit.ly/1fv1V0i

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