

A joint letter from the Civil Mediation Council and the College of Mediators

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**Survey Consultation on New Standards for
Special Educational Needs and Disability Mediators**

The Civil Mediation Council (CMC) and College of Mediators (COM), on behalf of a working group of SEND Mediators and Mediation Providers as well as other stakeholders, have been working on an initiative supported by the Department for Education to introduce voluntary, self-administered standards of professional practice.

We are now asking all of those with an interest in SEND Mediation, including those within the memberships of the CMC and COM that work in this field, to complete our consultation survey on the practice standards, system for accreditation and the approval of training courses. We would very much value your input and hope you will take this opportunity to influence the introduction of voluntary standards and an accreditation/approval process for SEND Mediation.

The survey is online at Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NVMZDJK> and those who wish to send additional comment can do so by emailing the helpdesk at senddeliverysupport@mottmac.com. The draft standards can be viewed at <http://www.sendpathfinder.co.uk/professional-standards-for-mediators-working-with-send>.

The survey will close on **02 February 2018** so please give yourselves enough time to respond if this is an area in which you have an interest.

We would be most grateful if you could pass this letter on to anyone you may know of who has an interest in SEND mediation.

We are undertaking a separate consultation with young people. If you know of anyone who might like to respond please forward the following questions to them and send their answers to the email address above, or ask them to do so:

1. If you have had a SEND mediation what did you think of the mediator?
2. Would it be helpful if you knew the mediator was trained to a certain standard?
3. Would you be interested in what these standards are?

Many thanks for your time,

The College of Mediators and The Civil Mediation Council