

KELLSARR FAMILY PRACTICE

CLIENT GUIDE 001

Understanding Divorce & Separation

Purpose

This guide provides general information to help individuals understand divorce and separation. It is not a substitute for legal advice tailored to your circumstances.

1. The Difference Between Separation and Divorce

Separation occurs when a couple decide to live apart. Divorce is the legal process that ends a marriage. Separation can happen before or without divorce.

2. The Divorce Process

Explain your circumstances, gather key documents, consider arrangements for children and finances, and decide whether matters can be agreed or require court involvement.

3. Children

The child's welfare is the court's paramount consideration. Parents are encouraged to work together wherever possible and consider mediation when appropriate.

4. Finances

Consider property, savings, pensions, debts and ongoing financial needs. Independent financial advice may also be beneficial.

5. Mediation

Mediation can help families reach practical agreements without contested court proceedings.

6. Looking After Yourself

Relationship breakdown is stressful. Seek support from trusted family, friends, healthcare professionals or specialist organisations where needed.

7. How Kellsarr Can Help

Kellsarr Family Practice can explain processes, help you organise information, prepare documents within our scope of practice and signpost you to appropriate professional services where necessary.

Frequently Asked Questions

Prepare a list of your questions before your appointment, bring relevant paperwork and be open about your priorities and concerns.

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This guide is for general information only and should not be relied upon as legal advice. Individual circumstances vary.