



# A brighter future

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Right now, the idea of talking things through with your former partner and reaching agreement might seem impossible; but, most often, the best outcomes are the ones you work out for yourselves.

Divorce or separation is painful enough, without the added heartache and uncertainty of your future resting in the hands of the family courts.

What if you could avoid the courts, with legal advice and support that helps you work out the best solutions for you and your family?

That's what collaborative law is all about.

You and your former partner each have your own lawyer but, instead of negotiating everything by letter or phone, all four of you meet and work things out around the table, together.

Your lawyer will be by your side every step of the way, helping you find the outcomes that are right for you, and bringing in other independent and impartial advisers on a joint basis if and when that support is required.

Collaborative law puts you in control. You set the pace; you identify the things that matter most and, together with your former partner, you find the solution that's best for you and your family - without going to court.

**In short, everything is focused around you and what's important to you.**



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“For me it has been a positive and helpful way of resolving something that I didn’t want in the first place.”

“It’s much better to be around the table discussing things rather than letters backwards and forwards between the solicitors... you’re able to keep a lot of goodwill between you by doing that.”

## Building a brighter future

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More and more people are choosing the collaborative approach to separation and divorce.

In your area there are many trained collaborative family lawyers who can help you find the solution that's right for you.

If you think this approach could be for you, the next step is to share this information with your former partner, and for each of you to select a fully trained local collaborative lawyer in the area from the list contained in this leaflet.

We've also enclosed a voucher entitling you and your former partner to a **FREE** initial chat with a local specialist - with no obligation - to decide whether collaborative law is right for you.

For more information about collaborative family law in your area, visit [www.cflnorth.co.uk](http://www.cflnorth.co.uk)

