

# Beware internet divorces!

In April 2013, swingeing cuts came into force with regard to Family Legal Aid. This has meant that since then (unless you fit strict criteria, mostly revolving around the need to prove you are a victim of domestic violence) obtaining a publically funded solicitor to help you through the process of separating from your spouse or partner has been virtually impossible.

Many people are turning to the internet for cheap divorces. However, that may not be the best way forward. A divorce via the internet is not always 'cheap' and can often end up being more expensive than if you had instructed a qualified solicitor in the first place.

In most cases, internet based companies charge roughly what a qualified solicitor would do to fill in the court forms. A local firm of solicitors, particularly a Lexcel accredited firm such as my firm, will offer you a bespoke service and you will then have the opportunity of actually speaking to the person handling your divorce and meeting them face to face.

Simply put, all divorces are not the same. A divorce is not just a form filling exercise as many internet based companies would have you believe and requires a high level of expertise.



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At this very important time of your life you should also get advice concerning the financial implications of divorce and issues concerning the children. You should consider the impact of separation on your will and your pension fund.

We at Dickinson Parker Hill can offer that service. We hope you agree – why use an internet based provider when you can talk to friendly approachable experts on your doorstep.

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