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FREE COUNSELLING AT ANDOVER SOLICITORS

Andover Solicitors Bonallack & Bishop are pleased to announce that the Relationship People will be offering their innovative free counselling sessions for Relationships in Distress at the law firm's legal surgery in Andover from the beginning of March.

Nigel and Jenny Heath of the Relationship People have been providing a free 20-minute consultation service in conjunction with Bonallack & Bishop's long-established free weekly legal surgery in Salisbury since April 2008, and it has proved so useful to clients that they are now taking the service to Andover to run alongside the weekly Wednesday evening surgeries held there. Both Nigel and Jenny will be available to discuss relationship difficulties and offer emotional support between 5:15 and 7pm at the first Wednesday evening surgery of every month, starting on the 4th March, at Bonallack & Bishop's offices at 3 Eastgate House, East Street.

"We are really excited to offer this approach to those with real relationship problems," says Colin Carnegy, partner at Bonallack and Bishop. "The end of any relationship is a stressful time for everyone involved. Often we find individuals struggling to come to terms with what is happening to them, let alone being able to give instruction to a solicitor. Nigel and Jenny have enormous experience in relationship counselling and we have already referred family clients to them with considerable success. We feel strongly that our role in family cases is to solve the client's problem, which, apart from guiding them through the divorce process, also involves explaining their rights, particularly on financial matters, and advising them of the options open to them. This may include the possibility of saving their relationship, or at least helping them deal with the relationship breakdown in as sensible and stress-free a way as possible. As a firm we are already strong supporters of the much less adversarial Collaborative Law approach to divorce, with two of our family team trained as Collaborative Lawyers. We feel that this additional service at our regular evening surgeries fits in perfectly with that approach."

Jason Copp, who runs the popular legal surgery every Wednesday evening in Andover, says "Having seen the real difference that Nigel and Jenny have been able to make to both clients and non-clients at our Salisbury surgery, I am thrilled that they are able to come and share

their knowledge in Andover as well. The ethos behind their practice ties in strongly with our aim to offer as much support as possible to our clients at a difficult time."



Nigel Heath from the Relationship People remarks, "Having met with the firm's family law team in Andover, we are delighted to extend our 'Relationships in Distress' free consultation to their legal surgery also. Our service will be on a drop-in basis, just like the surgery, so no appointment is necessary."

Jenny commented, "It gives individuals or couples the chance to talk to us in a neutral environment to find out how we can help them work through any relationship issues. Our approach fits in really well with the sensitive and refreshing attitude towards family problems shown by Bonallack and Bishop."

In the meantime, Nigel and Jenny have produced some FREE tips available from www.bishopslaw.com/relationships to help couples work on improving their communication. They are available to coach people to be clear on the outcome they truly want and help them to reduce the stress of relationship breakdown.

For further information or advice, please contact Jason Copp at Bonallack & Bishop on 01264 364433 or Nigel Heath of the Relationship People on 0800 298 5938.

Testimonials

"Thank you for your superb interventions when my husband and I visited you recently. It was the best intervention we've ever had, because of the sophistication and accuracy of your insights, your practical advice, and the safe space you were able to create with us.

I feel so relieved to find something so wonderful that I would like to see you weekly! I still don't know if my husband and I are going to split or not; what I do really know is that we will be OK no matter what. What a relief. It's beyond words to say. Blessings to you both."

S. Garfield

"I would like to thank you for your time this morning. I'm sorry I must have sounded so angry, which is borne primarily of the suppression of so many feelings and frustration at the catch-22 situation we have found ourselves in. You certainly gave us much food for thought and I really hope that it isn't too late for us, I most definitely want to resolve our differences because we have shared so much. However, I realise and accept that this might not be the case and believe that you have equipped me to enjoy a better future. My mantra to myself as I walked our dog across the heath this morning was 'This is the first day of the rest of my life', and I sincerely believe this now, thank you."

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