

HERTS COLLABORATIVE GROUP
PREPARATION QUESTIONS FOR NEW CLIENTS



These questions are designed to be answered by anyone who is about to instruct a collaborative lawyer – ideally to be taken along to their first appointment. They are also a useful tool if you want to know if the collaborative approach is suitable for you.

PART 1

- What do you want in your new life?
- What don't you want in your new life?
- What can you offer your spouse that they need?
- What do you need from your spouse?
- What do you need from the lawyers?
- Why choose Collaborative?

PART B

- Tell me what I need to know about how your family works
- What matters most?
- Tell me what is really important
- Why is that important to you?
- Tell me more
- Tell me about each child
- What do the children need us to put in place?

PART C

- When the children are in their 20s and look back at this point in time onwards, What childhood memories do we want them to have?
- What's the worst we can do?
- What's the best we can do?
- Looking back from 2/5/10 years' time, how do you want to have coped with and handled this part of your life?