

Childcare and family finance

Foot Anstey has the largest family team in the south west offering expertise in areas including childcare, divorce, family finance and families in business.

Civil Partnerships

We have experience in the dissolution of civil partnerships as well as separation, pre-partnerships and cohabitation agreements. A civil partnership can provide gay couples with all the same rights as married ones. We can advise clients on how to set up a pre-cip so all your assets are protected should your relationship encounter problems and we can also do post-cips for those who don't get around to doing this in advance. Agreeing between yourselves rather than have a court impose an order is the best way and we offer collaborative law to assist with this. We will refer you to suitable mediation if that can help you sort out the issues without having to go to a contested court hearing.



Children

Our highly rated childcare team advise on all aspects of children's issues including adoption, surrogacy, contact and residence. Don't assume that as a gay couple you can't have children together, gay couples can adopt, foster and have children through surrogacy. There are lots of gay couples with children from previous relationships and we can help sort out any disputes arising with the other parent. We can also assist in children's issues if your relationship breaks down and there are problems with contact or residence. Not being the biological parent does not prevent you from having contact or residence of children whom you have previously parented.

Family Finance

When a relationship breaks down financial issues can be particularly complicated, especially if no agreements were made previously. Our specialist family finance team can advise on tax implications of relationship breakdowns, assets, trust in issue and pension sharing matters. Families who are in business together can have even more issues to resolve and our specialist families in business team have the expertise to help.

We can also help couples as they start their relationships set up arrangements such as Living Together agreements which can help in resolving issues should the relationship breakdown.

For more information or advice please contact the Living Together team:

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