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HAIR ALCOHOL KIT TO HELP IN THIRD OF CARE CASES

The recent surge in Local Authority child care applications has prompted a substance abuse testing lab to produce a kit to explain to lawyers how Hair Alcohol Testing works.

Care application orders increased by 46% between April and December last year*, with the number of children going through the procedure reaching almost 800 in some months. This increase, due largely to the 'Baby P Effect', directly correlates with the number of [Hair Alcohol Test](#) requests that [Trimega Laboratories](#) has received, rising from around 250 a month to an average of 482 in the same timeframe. It says that alcohol or drug tests are requested in about a third of cases and quite often involve both parents or more than one guardian.

Trimega's 'Hair Alcohol Testing Information Kit' is aimed specifically at family law practitioners who can take advantage of the continuous professional development (CPD) course included in the kit. This course takes the form of a podcast by the 4 Brick Court barrister - Jacqui Gilliat - who specialises in children's law and edits the [Bloody Relations blog](#).

Other features of the flip out USB stick include testimonials from law firms, case studies and sample reports as well as technical information about the different types of tests to identify alcohol abuse. For example, it describes the '[Complete Package](#)' of alcohol testing: a combination of EtG (ethyl glucuronide) and FAEE (fatty acid ethyl esters) tests that provide a 'gold-standard' to determine an individual's alcohol dependency. The Complete Package, which is priced at £799, ensures there is never any uncertainty over the results in court and includes sample collection by a trained nurse as well as a supporting expert witness statement.

Avi Lasarow, managing director of Trimega Laboratories, commented: "The appetite for information about hair alcohol testing and the role it has to play in care applications has never been stronger, particularly as you might expect from solicitors and barristers involved in family law. We're pleased to be able to satisfy that hunger with our kits and they're going like hot cakes."

To request free copies of the USB kits, contact Trimega Laboratories on 0845 3880124 / www.trimegalabs.co.uk. NB 5% of profits from instructions received from the USB order forms go to the '[Who Cares Trust](#)' which supports children in care.

* [www.cafcass.gov.uk/news/2010/quarter three care statistics.aspx](http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/news/2010/quarter%20three%20care%20statistics.aspx)

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About Trimega Laboratories

Established in London in 2005, Trimega Laboratories (www.trimegalabs.co.uk) has developed a range of innovative techniques for testing substances of abuse. Its core business is laboratory-based analysis of hair samples that provides accurate historical records of any alcohol or drugs dependency over a one to 12 month period. Its methods have reached a standard of ISO 17025 and have been recognised as 'World Leading' by the Society of Hair Testing, a consensus reached by experts from 23 countries. In the UK its clients include: Family Law specialists, Social Services, regulatory bodies, professions such as nurses and pilots, as well as being ordered by the Courts directly. Other services offered by Trimega Laboratories include: Roadside Drugalyzer Testing for law enforcement, Hair Steroid Testing for athletes, and most recently, Hair Benzodiazepines Testing. Trimega Laboratories won the title of Best Use of Technology in the 2008 Barclays-sponsored Startups Awards, was a regional winner in the 2008 HSBC Start-up Stars, a runner-up in the 2009 Customer Service Awards, and has been on the shortlist for the National Business Awards two years running.

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