

FAMILY LAWYERS HEAD FOR HAIR ALCOHOL TESTS

Two thirds of family lawyers have used hair alcohol testing (HAT) in their cases and the majority who haven't are considering using it, according to Trimega Laboratories.

The research was conducted among 300 family lawyers who attended the Resolution annual conference that took place earlier this month (March 12-14) and which Trimega sponsored.

Almost all (92%) of those who have used HAT said it helped in reaching an outcome. Despite this half were unaware of there being different types of HAT and that choosing the right one can have an impact on the case.

The survey results have prompted Trimega, which has recently opened a state-of-the-art substance abuse testing lab in Manchester, to offer a free USB kit to explain the different types of tests to identify alcohol abuse. This includes testimonials from law firms, case studies and sample reports as well as technical information.

For example, it describes 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. This complete package, which includes sample collection by a trained nurse as well as a supporting expert witness statement, is priced at £799 and ensures there is never any uncertainty over the results in court.

The kit is aimed specifically at family lawyers who may wish to take advantage of the continuous professional development (CPD) course included on the USB stick. 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](#).

To request a USB kit, 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.

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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 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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