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## **SHORTCUT FOR HAIR ALCOHOL TESTING**

The Board of Trimega Laboratories, an international supplier of substance misuse testing products, is pleased to announce the launch of an express 90 minute call out service for hair sample collection.

Available within the M25 and selected London postcodes from today and nationwide later in the year, the express service has been introduced as a result of demand from those requesting tests including: Social Workers, Family Law Specialists and Employers. It is intended to provide a more convenient alternative to the standard next day service that often means scheduling appointments with donors on consecutive days. By adhering to strict chain of custody requirements, the results are recognised by all UK courts and can be provided in a standard Section 9 legal statement within seven working days from receipt of the sample.

Speeding up the process is not only more convenient but also critical to the outcome of some cases, such as an employment tribunal or when issuing proceedings for child custody\*.

Avi Lasarow, managing director of Trimega Laboratories, commented:  
"Unnecessary delays such as ineffective case management and expert witness being applied for late mean we're often asked for a rapid turnaround. Clearly if the Local Authority wants to get a case into court as quickly as possible, an emergency protection order for example, then issues such as sample collection need to be dealt with ASAP."

Jacqui Gilliatt, Specialist Family Law Barrister at 4 Brick Court, added:

"The Public Law Outline places heavy emphasis on the need for pre-issue assessments by local authorities. One relatively uncontroversial, inexpensive and easily arranged assessment in any case involving drug or alcohol issues is for an early hair strand test."

Jacqui continued:

"False allegations of substance misuse may be made by warring parents. Furthermore, people who have a history of substance misuse are among the least reliable self-reporters and test results are often crucial, either to establish that a problem exists or that the parent is free of illegal substances. The timetable for this needs to be factored into case management. One stumbling block is often the sample collection process which can add a month because of arrangements to obtain the test pack, then making and attending a GP appointment which can waste valuable time unless carefully managed or avoided altogether by the use of an appropriate collection service."

To help spread the word about the speed and accuracy of hair alcohol and drug testing, Trimega has produced videos

(<http://www.trimegalabs.co.uk/resource-centre.php>) and is promoting related podcasts ([http://lawweek.co.uk/plo/download\\_plo\\_podcourse.htm](http://lawweek.co.uk/plo/download_plo_podcourse.htm)).

**\* Case Study**

The Merseyside law firm, Burd Ward Solicitors, has used hair alcohol testing in a successful bid to reunite children with their parents. In early January, hair samples were collected from both parents who had admitted excessive use of alcohol. Both adults reported abstinence in the four day period prior to hair samples being collected, but it was too short a timeframe for the hair alcohol test to yield a negative result. Further testing one month later did however give a negative result, showing that the donors had significantly reduced their alcohol intake. A third and final hair alcohol test carried out one month after that yielded a negative result of less than 4ng/mg, which is typical of teetotalers. This clearly showed that the parents had abstained from drinking in the three month period covered by all three tests.

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The Directors of the Issuer accept responsibility for this announcement.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Trimega Laboratories, established in 2005 has rapidly become a leading provider of Substance Misuse Testing and is focused on the development and marketing of innovative substance misuse testing products and services. It provides reliable and confidential Hair Drug and Alcohol Testing products for Solicitors, Courts and Local Authorities. The company recently acquired a significant position in DC Drogencheck GmbH that focus on drug and alcohol testing for German consulates abroad and drivers' licence agencies.

Trimega Laboratories has been certified to ISO 9001 for the provision of clinical testing services for substances of abuse by LRQA who are a UKAS accredited body.

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