



## Change Grow Live: St Luke's Drug & Alcohol Service

- Change Grow Live is using the Intelligent Fingerprinting Drug Screening System to support probation project clients in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- Fingerprint-based drug tests enable more informed client engagement during weekly meetings, with sample collection taking just seconds and results available in 10 minutes

St Luke's Service – a free and confidential drug and alcohol service for adults run by Change Grow Live in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham – provides open access support and treatment to people with drug problems, including those on probation.

The St Luke's team is using the innovative Intelligent Fingerprinting portable drug test as part of its one-to-one rehabilitation service that features regular testing to encourage clients in abstaining from drug use.

The simple, dignified and non-invasive nature of fingerprint drug testing makes it an ideal approach for drug treatment programmes. It enables frequent, onsite, rapid testing to support compliance with court-mandated or probation service conditions.

*"We are starting to use the Intelligent Fingerprinting drug testing system as part of our health and justice services – supporting people whose drug use has brought them into contact with the judicial system. We work with police, prisons, courts and other health and social care services to provide integrated drug and alcohol treatment interventions that aim to stop reoffending and further harm to individuals and society.*

*"Although we have only recently started using the new fingerprint test method, responses from both clients and staff have been very good. Clients are extremely positive about the test method when they realise how quick and hygienic it is in comparison to other methods such as urine or saliva for example. These are huge advantages for both the client and our staff – especially as part of our ethos to put the service user's well-being first and foremost.*

*"We expect fingerprint-based testing's quick, dignified and non-invasive approach to become a valuable tool for the St Luke's Service."*

**Christine Ayton, Services Manager at Change Grow Live**



## Convenient and dignified

Intelligent Fingerprinting's drug testing solution features a small, tamper-evident drug screening cartridge onto which ten fingerprint sweat samples are collected, in a process which takes less than a minute. The Intelligent Fingerprinting portable analysis unit then reads the cartridge and provides a positive or negative result on-screen for all drugs in the test in ten minutes.

Intelligent Fingerprinting offers several different drug tests, including one designed specifically for drug rehabilitation programme operators which screens for the opioid substitution drugs methadone and buprenorphine, plus benzodiazepines and opiates. Another screens for opiates, cocaine, cannabis and methamphetamine.



## Ideal for drug recovery services

In comparison with traditional testing procedures involving saliva or urine, fingerprint sample collection takes only a few seconds and is more dignified and hygienic for both client and tester.

As well as significantly speeding up the process of testing for service users, this method of testing is also more convenient and cost-effective as there is no need for specialist collection facilities or biohazardous waste disposal.

All clients need to do is provide fingerprint sweat samples, which can be collected within seconds during one of their daily or weekly meetings.

Sample collection and test administration take place onsite, with drug screening results available in just ten minutes for discussion there and then with the client. This approach is invaluable to track a client's drug recovery and adherence to probation conditions as the results – positive or negative – can be discussed immediately.



## About Change Grow Live

Change Grow Live is a health and social care charity that works with individuals who want to change their lives for the better and achieve positive and life-affirming goals. To find out more, visit [www.changegrowlive.org](http://www.changegrowlive.org)

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