



Change Grow Live adopts fingerprint drug test across 50 sites to reduce Coronavirus risk

- Non-invasive fingerprint drug test supports social distancing requirement during opioid substitution treatment testing
- Non-biohazardous, more hygienic and simpler for Change Grow Live employees to administer than traditional urine or saliva-based drug tests

Change Grow Live, the UK's leading provider of drug and alcohol treatment services, is rolling out the Intelligent Fingerprinting drug testing system across 50 of its UK sites to reduce the risk of Coronavirus infection for both service users and employees – while continuing national service provision. The fingerprint-based sweat drug test is non-invasive and hygienic, and supports the requirement for social distancing during testing.

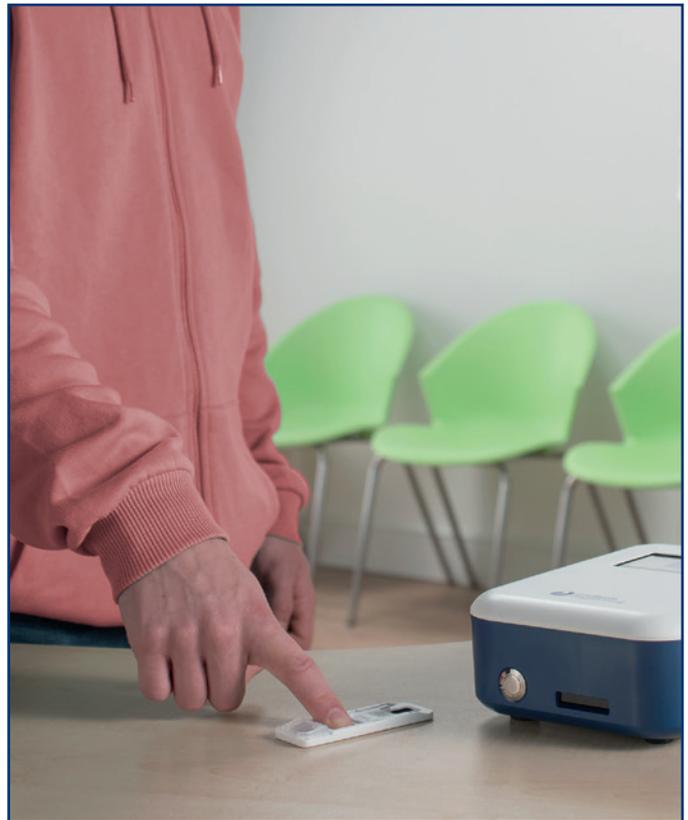
It takes less than a minute to collect a service user's fingerprint sweat samples onto a small drug screening cartridge – and just ten minutes to analyse the cartridge and provide on-site results. The test screens for the opioid substitution drugs methadone and buprenorphine, as well as benzodiazepines and opiates.

Change Grow Live already successfully uses the Intelligent Fingerprinting system in its Spectrum confidential drug and alcohol service in Hertfordshire. The system is also used by Change Grow Live to support Peterborough City Council's family safeguarding programme. In addition, Change Grow Live in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, is using fingerprint drug testing for criminal justice service users.

"While regular testing is an important element of our Medication Assisted Treatment process, we were determined to evolve our approach in order to maintain service provision while also working to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. Adopting Intelligent Fingerprinting's non-invasive drug testing system is helping us to achieve this, not only reducing the risk of infection for vulnerable service users through social distancing, but also protecting our colleagues across the country. The fact that the fingerprint-based testing method doesn't produce any biohazardous waste – in contrast to traditional urine or saliva-based tests – was also a critical consideration for us in making this multi-region procurement decision."

Martin Folan

Head of Change Portfolio at Change Grow Live.



"Coronavirus is causing organisations across the world to rethink many of their core operational processes, and that's particularly the case with drug testing where traditional methods that require bodily fluid samples present challenges due to their biohazardous nature. Fingerprint-based testing directly addresses these concerns, providing the ability for hygienic testing that can be carried out while still respecting social distancing guidelines. We have already worked with Change Grow Live on a number of successful fingerprint-based drug testing projects, and we look forward to now extending this nationwide as they roll out this important multi-region project."

Phillip Hand

Executive Chairman at Intelligent Fingerprinting.



Fingerprint-based drug testing – how it works

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.

In addition to the panel being used by Change Grow Live to test for methadone, buprenorphine, benzodiazepines and opiates, organisations can also benefit from Intelligent Fingerprinting's other drug testing products which include a four-panel test for methamphetamine, cocaine, opiates and cannabis.

About Change Grow Live

Change Grow Live is a social care and health 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

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