



## Huntingdonshire District Council first to use fingerprint drug test for public sector frontline services

- “Intelligent Fingerprinting is an absolutely great system – quick, clean and with results in 10 minutes,” Andrew Rogan, Operations Manager, Huntingdonshire District Council
- “With the simple fingerprint drug test we can now run our own testing instead of employing an external company to carry out urine testing for us – already delivering time and cost savings for the council”

Huntingdonshire District Council is the first UK council to use an innovative fingerprint-based drug test to support its frontline services. The council is using the Intelligent Fingerprinting Drug Screening System as part of its recruitment process. Thanks to the fingerprint system’s ease-of-use and ability to deliver test results in ten minutes, council managers are now able to carry out their own drug screening tests before candidates are offered permanent or temporary positions, instead of relying on an external agency to do this.

The council is using the system to help ensure that all its frontline safety-critical service staff, including refuse collection drivers of 26 tonne lorries, ground teams, and street maintenance staff working in busy traffic, are all working safely – and protecting themselves, their colleagues and the public.

Huntingdonshire District Council has used drug testing to support its drug and alcohol policy for some time, but has now replaced the previous urine-based testing service provided by an external agency with the Intelligent Fingerprinting portable testing system that is managed in-house. It has been very positively received by both candidates and testers thanks to its hygienic, non-invasive approach – which enables social distancing when testing – as well as its ability to provide on-site test results in around ten minutes.

*"We are using the Intelligent Fingerprinting system to test all new permanent employees or agency staff for frontline services. These employees work in safety-critical roles, often work around machinery, and in a constantly changing environment so it is critical that they are alert and fit for duty. The fingerprint drug screening system is fantastic as it's saving the council a huge amount of time and cost as we're now able to conduct the tests in-house rather than using an external provider. Having the system available for use whenever it's needed also gives us the flexibility to carry out tests at other times too, such as 'for cause' testing if we have reason to suspect drug use by an existing employee.*

*"We are finding the fingerprint system is giving us much greater control over our drug testing, and its efficiency is helping us to unlock immediate savings for the council," added Andrew Rogan. "Thanks to the Intelligent Fingerprinting approach we have been able to implement remote training for our managers so they can carry out the testing themselves, and we're confident in the results as the test is virtually impossible to tamper with."*

**Andrew Rogan, Operations Manager, Huntingdonshire District Council**



The Intelligent Fingerprinting drug testing system is already saving Huntingdonshire District Council time and money while delivering a superior on-site service for their drug testing needs. Immediate efficiency savings include being able to carry out testing quickly and easily in the office and no longer needing to cordon off bathrooms to dedicate their use to urine testing. Intelligent Fingerprinting is also providing the council with alcohol breathalysers as part of its one-stop service for drug and alcohol testing.

## 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. A fingerprint-based laboratory confirmation service is also available.

## About Huntingdonshire District Council

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