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SETTING THE STANDARD

Alcohol is more damaging than Heroin

A new study led by Professor David Nutt, of Imperial College, London, has demonstrated that Alcohol is more damaging than heroin or crack cocaine in terms of harm to the individual as well as society.

The new assessment used nine categories of harm to the self and seven to society as a whole, reports the Telegraph.

The `harm to self` categories cover mortality, poor health, impaired mental functioning, loss of friendships and injury.

The `harm to others` categories include crime, environmental damage, family conflict and decline in community cohesion.

Heroin, crack and crystal meth were the most harmful drugs to the individual, whereas alcohol, heroin and crack were the most harmful to others.

The modelling showed that as well as being the most harmful drug overall, alcohol is almost three times as harmful as cocaine or tobacco. It also showed that alcohol is more than five times more harmful than

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Congratulations to **Marie Pilkington** of Marsden Rawsthorn Solicitors who is this months Customer Feedback Questionnaire winner.

Ms Pilkington is the winner of Amazon's Kindle 3G Wireless Reading Device

Congratulations once again from all at Alpha Biolabs, and dont forget to

mephedrone, which was recently a so-called legal high in the UK before it was made a class B controlled drug in April 2010. Ecstasy, which has had much harm-related media attention over the past two decades, is only one eighth as harmful as alcohol in this new analysis.

They conclude: `Our findings lend support to previous work in the UK and the Netherlands, confirming that the present drug classification systems have little relation to the evidence of harm.`

Nutt was chairman of the government`s Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs until he was dismissed last year after saying ecstasy was less harmful than alcohol.

The effect of s20 Family Law Reform Act 1969 on your DNA test

Courts have a statutory power to direct a scientific test to ascertain the parentage of a child in civil proceedings under section 20 of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 (but section 20 directions are not given in every case where parentage is an issue).

Our aim is to collect all samples within 48 hours; unfortunately this is not viable when dealing with section 20 FLRA 1969 cases.

The Regulation which governs section 20 parentage tests is the Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) Regulation 1971 as amended - 1071 NO 1861

The definition of a sampler under Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) Regulation 1971 as amended means a registered medical practitioner, or a person who is under the supervision of such a practitioner and is either a registered nurse, a biomedical scientist, or

complete your feedback questionnaires for a chance to win one of our fantastic prizes!



Congratulations to **Sarah Tripper** of Vincent Lavery Solicitors who is last months Customer Feedback Questionnaire winner.

Ms Tripper was the winner of a fantastic Toshiba Camileo S20 HD Camcorder



HASSLE FREE TESTING!!

Alpha Biolabs would love to take all of the hassle away from Drug,

a tester.

If it is possible to avoid having your DNA paternity test ordered pursuant to s20 FLRA 1969 then it will be beneficial to all parties. If the DNA test can be agreed by consent then our team of nurses can arrange to collect the parties samples in the comfort of their own home or at your offices, removing any inconvenience and delay. The samples will be returned by our nurses to our Laboratory the same or next working day and analysis can commence. You will receive your test results within 3 to 5 working days of receipt of all samples into our Laboratory.

Unfortunately in our experience we have found there are inevitably delays involving General Practitioners by the time taken to send swab kits, GP's imposing collection fees which often need to be paid by the instructing solicitor upfront, the delay of the parties waiting for appointments and then waiting for the swabs and paperwork to be returned to us. We have found this can sometimes delay your test results by as much as 4 to 6 weeks! We appreciate there are cases when the Court must direct the test to take place pursuant to s20 FLRA 1969 and of course we will always aim to deal with these cases as expeditiously as possible. We must always be provided with a copy of the Court Order in s20 cases as your case cannot be processed without it. In the event that a Court Order is provided which makes no reference to s20 FLRA 1969 then your case will be processed on the basis that the case is not s20 and our nurses will proceed to collect the parties samples.

Whatever the nature of your DNA case you can rely on Alpha Biolabs to deliver your test results to you at the earliest opportunity and be

Alcohol and DNA testing.

Being a one-stop shop will make things much simpler for you as Alpha Biolabs are the **only accredited laboratory in our sector to offer Drug, Alcohol and DNA testing.**

Fully qualified nurses in your area enable us to collect samples direct from the sample donors address – no need to arrange to have the sample donor attend your office or to arrange a GP appointment.

Split Invoicing – Let Alpha Biolabs take all of the hassle away from collecting payment from the other party.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Liverpool Law Society Annual Dinner
2010

183rd Annual Dinner

Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool

assured the analysis has been completed by our ISO 17025 accredited Laboratory which appears on the Ministry of Justices list of approved paternity testers.



Thursday 11th November 2010

This is the most traditional and prestigious black tie event in the Liverpool Legal Calendar.

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