



**Cansford
Laboratories**
Pioneering drug and alcohol testing

HAIR STRAND TESTING



**Pioneering
expertise**



**Multi-method
testing**



**3-day
turnaround**



**Extensive
accreditation**

Industry leaders

Our founders introduced hair strand testing to the UK over 30 years ago. Today, our modern Cardiff based lab continues to set the standard by providing UKAS accredited results and expert reports within our standard three working day turnaround.

Test month by month

Hair can be segmented into sections, with each centimetre representing roughly one month of use. This allows us to build a detailed timeline of substance use – ideal for showing patterns or reductions over time.

Detection timeframes

Hair testing can detect nearly all drug substances, as well as markers of alcohol use. It's particularly effective for identifying patterns of use over longer periods – from approx. 1 week to 12 months, depending on hair length. For alcohol, the detection window ranges from 1 to 6 months.

Other methods

Should an individual's hair be insufficient (such as having a bald scalp) or unsuitable for testing, we can use hair from other sites of the body, as well as nail samples to test for evidence of drug and alcohol usage.

FAST, RELIABLE TESTING - TRUSTED RESULTS

Feel at ease

Our process is discreet and respectful – requiring just a shoelace-sized strand of hair, we are far less invasive than many other labs. There's no visible patch, no unnecessary fuss, and always enough of a sample left for retesting if needed.



Nationwide coverage

Trained to make donors feel at ease, our collectors operate throughout the UK, and can be available in 48 working hours to perform sample collections wherever necessary, whether at an office or a home address.



Expert reporting

When a deeper level of insight is needed, our expert report offers more than a standard certificate of analysis. This added service gives a clear, court-ready interpretation of results, written by our scientific team and shaped to the details of each case. Designed to make complex findings easy to understand, they help legal professionals, social workers and the courts move forward with clarity and confidence.



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