

RICHARD BROWN

FORENSIC DRUG & TOXICOLOGY EXPERT

QUALIFICATIONS & AWARDS

- BSc(Hons) Pharmacology, Newcastle University
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CAREER OVERVIEW

Mr Brown joined Keith Borer Consultants in 2002 and has been instructed in over 3,000 alcohol, drug and toxicology cases to date.

He provides technical reports in the following areas:

- drink drive - alcohol calculations and interpretation of blood and urine analyses in relation to alcohol technical defence (post-driving, laced drinks, drunk in charge and failure to provide)
- drug drive - interpretation of blood and urine analyses in relation to Section 5A drug driving (prescribed limit) and Section 4[1] drug driving (fitness to drive)
- cannabis cultivation - estimates of likely plant yield including full scene evaluation from documents/photographs; valuation of crops; electricity consumption; and assessments of set-up cost and sophistication
- illicit drug seizures - patterns of drug use, street and wholesale valuations, identification of illicit substances, traces of drugs on banknotes/mobile phones and other items
- toxicology cases - effects of alcohol, drugs and medications; interpretation of toxicology results for criminal/civil/family cases
- family custody cases - drug testing by hair strand and urine analyses to determine recent or historical substance use

Mr Brown has given oral evidence in Crown, Magistrates' and Family Courts for drug, toxicology and alcohol-related matters, for both Prosecution and Defence. In the last 5 years, he has attended court in over 150 cases. He is also responsible for the quality review of reports prepared by other experts at Keith Borer Consultants, totalling around 200 annually.

Keith Borer Consultants operates a Continuous Professional Development scheme for all staff within which Mr Brown keeps up to date with scientific literature, attends conferences and training courses, and undertakes peer-reviewed external competency assessments.