

# RICHARD BROWN

## FORENSIC ALCOHOL, DRUG & TOXICOLOGY EXPERT

### QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & MEMBERSHIPS

- BSc(Hons) Pharmacology, Newcastle University
- Member of The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT)
- Member of the UK & Ireland Association of Forensic Toxicologists (UKIAFT)
- Bond Solon Court Skills

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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 technical defence including 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 RTA drug driving (prescribed limit) and Section 4[1] drug driving (fitness to drive). Post-driving, 'in charge', effects of medications (including medicinal cannabis), passive smoking and Analytical Data Pack (ADP) reviews.
- CANNABIS CULTIVATION** - yield estimates including full scene evaluation; valuation of crops; electricity use; and assessments of set-up cost and sophistication
- DRUG SEIZURES** - identification/purity testing, patterns of drug use, street/bulk/wholesale valuations, valuations for POCA, drug traces on banknotes/mobile phones and other items
- TOXICOLOGY** - effects of alcohol, drugs and medications; interpretation of toxicology results for criminal/civil cases

Mr Brown regularly attends Crown and Magistrates' Courts to advise and give oral evidence in alcohol, drug, toxicology cases. He has appeared 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, undertakes peer-reviewed external competency assessments and provides internal training to colleagues.