

## **Draft Smoke-free Regulations 2007 – E-Consultation on-line response**

### **Individual/Unclassified Response No.25**

Q1: YES

Q1a: Where there is exemption for example for patients/clients in long stay mental health hospitals it may be more appropriate to have signage which states that visitors and staff are not permitted to smoke, and patients are only able to smoke in a designated area.

Q2: YES

Q2a:

Q3: YES

Q3a: Appropriate signage needs to be displayed in all communal areas which are to be smoke free.

In relation to healthcare staff who provide treatment and care for people in the person's own home, this regulation does not provide any protection for the employee. Whilst it is understood that this is a private home there would be substantial benefit if a qualifying statement could be made to protect the rights of employees in this situation.

Q4: YES

Q4a: It may be useful to state the percentage of rooms within a hotel which can be designated as smoking bedrooms

Q5: YES

Q5a: It is assumed that the term residential accommodation covers the long stay mental health hospital wards and acute mental health wards where the length of stay may also be greater than 6 months

Q6: YES

Q6a: If you wish to comment, please do so here

Q7: YES

Q7a: If you wish to comment, please do so here