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**PH INTERVENTION – WORKPLACE SMOKING  
Draft Guidance Consultation from 22 December 2006 – 19 January 2007**

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General		The Faculty of Public Health welcomes this guidance which, overall, seems sensible and straightforward.
Rec 2	5	<i>Employers should provide incentives to encourage employees who smoke to quit. These could include time off in lieu to attend smoking cessation services or reimbursement for the cost, if any, of treatment.</i> Does the guidance really mean 'time off in lieu' (i.e. being given time off with pay in proportion to time spent at smoking cessation services, regardless of whether attendance is during paid working time, taking unpaid time off, or out of working hours? Or does NICE mean that employees should be allowed to attend cessation support services during working hours without loss of pay?
Rec 4	5	<i>... The employer (or designated staff member) should contact either the local stop smoking services or their occupational health service to get information on the benefits of stopping smoking – and how to stop...</i> This seems a bizarre waste of resources, for each local stop smoking service to provide the same information to each employer. Surely information on the benefits of stopping smoking and on how to stop smoking (regarding methods, not services available) could be prepared centrally for dissemination proactively via local authorities, chambers of commerce, health & safety networks, etc as well as by the local stop smoking services.

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