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has been swept for the presence of computer viruses.

Hi John i or my staff have no problem with the thrust of the proposal but giving care homes exception status does put staff and residents at risk re passive smoking a good example here is we have 2 client smokers out of 20 following complaints from staff and relatives/clients have designated a smoking room which has taken that room basically out of bounds for the majority of clients who are now denied a quiet room the room has gone from a well used room to a smokey smelly room used only by 2 people whereas before was used by all the staff and clients note this is a modern care home and space is limited Staff are beginning to complain about the room and working in it with the client will try and sort locally but i am sure not alone. PERHAPS A VOTE FOR STAFF AND CLIENTS TO MAKE UNITS ACTIVE NO SMOKING ZONES!!
The other issue with this is that the S.I.C has a staff no smoking policy and policing that is a nightmare as care staff are still nipping out excuse the pun for cigarettes and if caught are citing office staff are allowed out clearly leaving a computer on its own is not the same as leaving vulnerable adults /elderly with less care staff on the floor but equity does not seem to be in evidence. cheers Paul