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### Firms open to an own goal with World Cup

**EMPLOYERS need to be ahead of the game when it comes to dealing with potential HR issues arising from the World Cup, a Rugby expert is warning.**

**According to Debbie Taylor, director of Target HR Consultancy, if employers don't take action now they could leave themselves open to an own goal in terms of workplace absences.**

**She said: "There are group stage matches taking place during traditional working hours, so if nothing else, employers should ensure their staff are aware of company policies regarding sickness and last minute holiday leave, including return to work interviews."**

**One England match due to take place in work time is on June 23 against Slovenia at 3pm.**

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