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Ein cyf . Our ref

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Dear Mr Thomas

I refer to the Oral Assembly Question session during Plenary Business on 17 March 2004 and in particular your question about Theatre in Education.

Specifically, you asked Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport "How many drama advisers are employed by local authorities in Wales?" I have been asked to provide a response on behalf of the Minister.

It is not possible to get a precise number of drama advisors employed by local authorities as the job remits are not normally that specific. Most local authorities in Wales do employ Arts Development Officers(ADO) who would be expected to provide advice with regards to drama.

Breaking these down geographically provides the following details.

North Wales:

The following officers have drama expertise but work with all artforms.

Flintshire County Council - 2 Officers with a Drama background
Wrexham County Borough Council - 1 ADO with a drama background
Denbighshire County Council - 2 ADO's with a drama background
Conwy County Borough Council - 1 ADO which covers all artforms
Ynys Môn - 1 ADO which covers all artforms
Caernarfon - 1 ADO which covers all artforms

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Mid and West Wales:

Pembrokeshire - 1 officer who works as a drama adviser. She is a full time teacher but has a budget to lead on drama within Pembs County Council.

Carmarthenshire - 1 drama advisor

South Wales:

Rhondda CT - Employs an ADO with background in drama

Bridgend - 1 drama advisor

Monmouthshire - 1 ADO

Cardiff - Have a County School Improvement Adviser - English, Drama and Media Studies.

Caerphilly - There are no drama advisors employed by Caerphilly CBC however, ESIS the School's Education Service (which is run by 4 Local

Authorities, RCT, Merthyr Tydfil, Bridgend and Caerphilly) employs an arts advisor who covers this remit in schools

I hope this information is sufficient for your requirements.

Yours sincerely