



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ83842

Andrew R.T. Davies MS
Welsh Parliament
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23 November 2021

Dear Andrew,

I write in response to WQ83709 regarding: Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of disabled people the Welsh Government has helped recruit under the Welsh Government's disabled people's employment champion scheme, including a breakdown of the funding allocated by the Welsh Government towards this scheme?

This is not a recruitment scheme, the Welsh Government has employed directly five Disabled People's Employment Champions to effect culture change and influence the practices of employers, providers and the public sector in Wales. Disabled Champions costs per annum stands at £196,500.

Their reach and impact is wide ranging and includes:

- Presenting at fora and events – addressing hundreds of employers and key delivery partners;
- Engaging with 86 businesses via dedicated employer support network sessions;
- Directing the work of Regional Skills Partnerships and Careers Wales in relation to disability matters;
- Developing and promoting a new recruitment toolkit for employers;
- Providing advice to employability programmes; union learning providers and DWP's Disability Employment Advisors; and
- Engaging with flagship employers on a 1:1 basis. For instance: British Telecom; British Airways; Local Authorities; British Gas; Swansea Bay University Health Board; Admiral; Centrica; Airbus; Transport for Wales and Virgin Airways. Although COVID will undoubtedly affected the ability of employers to put this work into practice.

That employment figures for disabled people are published quarterly and the next set will be available in January 2022. [Summary of economic activity in Wales by year and disabled status, from April 2013 \(gov.wales\)](#)

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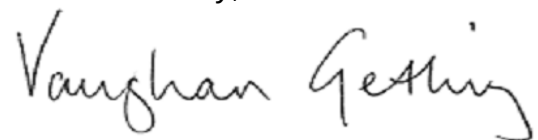
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

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Minister for Economy