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Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 4 October 2022. You asked for:

- What support was put into place to help theatres recover?
- How the sector as a whole is recovering?

Our response

The information you requested is below.

What support was put into place to help theatres recover?

This information is already in the public domain. Welsh Government provided three rounds of its Cultural Recovery Fund (CRF) from the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 to January 2022 to support the arts sector in Wales. Support for the arts sector through the CRF programme amounted to £93m.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NO

or Email: <u>Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales</u>

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,

Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Please note that the second part of your request about how the theatre sector is recovering is not a Freedom of Information request. Welsh Government and the Arts Council of Wales remain in regular contact with our cultural sectors, including theatres, to ensure we understand and can respond to the challenges they face in recovering from the pandemic.

Yours sincerely