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Sex-change

father's

job is safe

A SENIOR education officer was told yesterday he can keep his job when he reports for work dressed as a woman.

When twice-married Chris Thomas, 34, arrives at the office on June 1 he will be calling himself Siobhan McDermott.

He plans to live openly as Siobhan for a year before undergoing a sex change operation.

Council officials at Labour-controlled Coventry decided Mr Thomas was entitled to retain his position at the city's education HQ under the authority's equal opportunities policy, after he told them of his plans.

The job — which he began four years ago — does not bring him into contact with children. He works in the further education department, which deals with older teenagers and adults.

Mr Thomas, who has a child from his first marriage and is to seek a divorce from his second wife, was not available for comment yesterday.