

HOW AMS TOOK ON TALENT TRAINING DIRECTORS, STAFF AND CONTRACTS AND THE MOVE TO GLASGOW

2012 – May 2017

A “marketing company producing leads for a number of different solicitors in the personal injury sector”

March 2017

Approved on to the ESFA register of apprenticeship training providers

April 2017

The company “surrendered its Ministry of Justice authorisation”

May 2017

Company “converted to become a workforce training provider” as three new directors appointed with “new experience in this sector” (two resigning as directors in August 2017 and the other in Feb 2018) and becomes a subcontractor to Talent Training

26 June 2017

FE Week puts Talent Training on the front page, the main training company in the HarperCo group, reporting employer incentives and that the ESFA has said they will terminate their levy agreement

17 July 2017

ESFA writes to Talent Training to terminate their apprenticeship contract

16 August 2017

Mark Hargreaves leads the Talent Training staff meeting, to “make the Company’s circa 100 staff redundant”

7 Sep 2017

“No sale could be achieved” and Talent Training was placed into administration with David Rubin and Partners. The long creditor list had a value of £1.4 million, including £16,389.84 owned to AMS National

22 Sept 2017

Mark Hargreaves (in the name Ian Hargreaves) becomes a director of AMS National. Around the same time, several of the large Talent Training employer contracts, and former staff, were moved to AMS National. This included the apprenticeship contract with Santander and their back-office function company Geoban. According to Mark Hargreaves’ LinkedIn page, during this period he was the “interim MD of an apprenticeship training provider, taking the monthly turnover from £10K to £250K in four months”. Mark Hargreaves has also confirmed to *FE Week* that David Harper was paid as a consultant for AMS National

and multiple sources say David Harper was regularly in the office

19 June 2018

Mark Hargreaves resigns as a director of AMS Nationwide and claims to have had no involvement after that date. However, Mr Hargreaves did not respond to questions as to why AMS National owed him £15,000 when it went into administration

September 2018

“ESFA completed an audit” of AMS Nationwide “which resulted in a claim being issued against AMS Nationwide for £177,000”

October 2018

Ofsted monitoring of AMS National visit finds multiple issues, including the delivery of little to no training, published December 4, 2018.

20 November 2018

AMS Nationwide placed into administration with David Rubin and Partners (the same firm that managed the administration of Talent Training) with just £1,745.84 in the bank and £414,329.15 in creditors. Creditors included £106k to HarperCo – owned by David Harper, £15,000 to Mark Hargreaves and £4,000 to Nick Merrey – husband to David Harper. It also included £9,861 owed to “8th Green Developments Limited”, a company incorporated on December 10, 2015 by Mark Hargreaves, David Harper and Nick Merrey

20 November 2018

HCO-Sustain Ltd, a dormant company that David Harper and Mark Hargreaves had incorporated on September 15, 2010 has a name change on Companies House to Go-Centric. A Registration of Charge, dated August 31, 2018, and signed by David Harper, shows they were taking on the assets of a training provider in Glasgow called Impact Results Limited that had appointed a liquidator on August 6, 2018 (website www.atimpact.com)

20 November 2018

Go-Centric launch event takes place in Glasgow and photos from the event show David Harper with Joanne Mansell, former HR director of Geoban UK Limited (now called Santander UK Operations Limited). Joanne Mansell hung up when called by *FE Week*, and her LinkedIn page says she now chief operating officer for HarperCo