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Media release

Trust acts following inquiry

Yorkshire's largest multi-academy trust has made changes to its employment procedures following an internal inquiry.

School Partnership Trust Academies set up the inquiry in June, with the knowledge of the Department for Education and Education Funding Agency, in response to a series of concerns.

The inquiry has concluded that a senior employee did not make an appropriate 'declaration of interest' in a company associated with SPTA between 2011 and 2013.

The inquiry, conducted by independent legal experts, found concerns relating to other internal employment procedures were unfounded.

SPTA's chair of the board Sean Cavan said: "A full and proper inquiry was launched with the knowledge of the Department for Education and Education Funding Agency.

"We have taken a firm stance. As a result of the findings, an employee has voluntarily resigned from their position within the company.

"The non declaration of interest by the employee did not amount to criminal activity but did breach company policy and procedures. These have been reviewed to further tighten procedures for the future.

"Throughout the process, SPTA's focus has firmly remained on its 46 academies and the young people in its charge."

Editor's note

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