

Director banned for taking money but owing creditors £140,000

Kathleen Shepherd, 58, from Southampton, was the sole director of Shepherd Site Services Limited, a company which acted as a broker to provide waste management services to the construction industry.

The company went into administration on 20 November 2019 and an investigation was started by the Insolvency Service.

It was found that the company was insolvent from at least 24 April 2019 and at that point owed at least £50,000 to 10 suppliers.

Kathleen Shepherd assured suppliers that invoices would be paid, causing some to delay enforcement action, and the company continued to trade and incur further debts.

Between April 2019 and November 2019, Shepherd Site Services Limited failed to pay an additional £85,600 owed to 17 suppliers.

Despite this, the investigation found that Shepherd during this period directly or indirectly received the benefit of £76,553 and made payments of more than £20,000 to a connected party.

At administration, Shepherd Site Services Limited was subject to 7 County Court Judgement (CCJ) applications and suppliers were owed more than £140,000.

On 18 May 2021, the Secretary of State for Business accepted a disqualification undertaking from Shepherd after she did not dispute that she caused or allowed Shepherd Site Services to trade while insolvent and failed to maintain payments to creditors.

She has been banned from acting as a director for 7 years, meaning she cannot, directly or indirectly, become involved, without the permission of the court, in the promotion, formation or management of a company. Her ban started on 9 June 2021.

Neil North, chief investigator at the Insolvency Service, said:

Directors who put their own personal financial interests above those of customers and creditors damage confidence in doing business and are corrosive to the health of the local economy.

This ban should serve as a warning to other directors tempted to act in a similar way; you have a duty to your creditors and if you neglect this duty we could investigate and may lose the privilege

of limited liability trading.

Kathleen Shepherd is from Southampton and her date of birth is May 1963.

Shepherd Site Services Ltd – company number 11352095.

Disqualification undertakings are the administrative equivalent of a disqualification order but do not involve court proceedings.

Persons subject to a disqualification order are bound by a [range of restrictions](#).

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You can now keep up to date with all the latest information from the Pubs Code Adjudicator (PCA) team by following us on Facebook.



Today the Office of the PCA has launched a new [Facebook page](#) to help tied tenants and the industry access the latest updates from the PCA and information about the Pubs Code. This is part of our wider aim to raise and maintain awareness of the Pubs Code and say more about the PCA's work.

We have listened to [feedback from tenants](#) who want clear and direct communications from the PCA. We had good feedback on our [PCA Twitter account](#) and hope everyone will welcome this latest addition.

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Register for an online event on 8 July to find out about a nationwide public dialogue on the implications of using whole genome sequencing for newborn screening.



One hundred and thirty members of the public from around the UK have taken part in a dialogue about the implications for the NHS and society of using whole genome sequencing for newborn screening.

The dialogue was commissioned by Genomics England and the UK National Screening Committee, co-funded and supported by UKRI's Sciencewise programme.

Come and hear what the dialogue has told us about the attitudes, aspirations and concerns of the public about genomics and newborn screening.

What are the values and principles that inform these views? How do we trade off potential harms with potential benefits for the child, the parents, the wider family, the NHS and society more broadly? What might a newborn screening programme using genomics look like? What safeguards and information are needed?

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