



Jobs axe on 140 staff at Brighouse firm UV Modular

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Stunned staff at ambulance manufacturer UV Modular were told yesterday in a shopfloor meeting that the firm had gone into receivership.

They were told to collect their belongings and within hours, the doors of the firm's premises in Armytage Road were being sealed shut.

It is a massive blow for the local business scene as the firm had been one of the success stories of the past few years.

The firm specialises in the design, development, manufacture and supply of ambulances and personnel transport systems for the healthcare market.

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It was the latest order in the firm's short history as they established themselves as one of the UK's top manufacturers for ambulances.

But yesterday, shocked staff learned of the massive problems.

One said: "We had thought the company was in trouble but we were all kept on working and thought the worst was over.

"The departmental heads were called in at 10.30am yesterday and 15 minutes later, all the employees were assembled on the shopfloor and told the place had gone.

"We are all sickened. They even had arrangements made for Jobcentre staff to come in and give us advice".

Paul Rooney and Steve Ellis, partners in the business recovery service of PricewaterhouseCoopers, have been appointed joint administrators of UV Modular Ltd.

The appointment was made following a request from the firm's directors.

The company is a subsidiary of AssetCo plc, an integrated support services business based in South Ruislip, Middlesex.

Mr Ellis said: "Unfortunately the company's financial position means that we have no alternative but to make the majority of the 140 staff redundant.

"Our immediate priority will be to complete our examination of the financial position of the business and to identify those assets that can be disposed of for the benefit of creditors."

The firm was formed in 2002.

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