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Brendan Joseph Hamilton-Head of Human Resources.

A top boss at Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service has been suspended amid claims of harassment, it is understood.

The Evening Post believes that Brendan Hamilton, head of human resources at the authority, was suspended around six weeks ago.

Since his suspension before Christmas, staff working in the same department as Mr Hamilton have been interviewed by assistant chief fire officer Dave Russel, it is understood.

Today Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's director of people and development, Bob Warren confirmed the suspension but said he was unable to say anything else.

Mr Warren said: "I can confirm that an internal investigation is underway relating to our Head of Human Resources, who has been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation."

The investigation into the allegations made against Mr Hamilton will eventually culminate in a disciplinary hearing.

It is not something that the Fire Brigades' Union in Lancashire is involved with because Mr Hamilton is not a member of the union.

The Evening Post understands the people who made the allegations are also not FBU members.

Mr Hamilton has worked for the fire and rescue service for around 10 years.