

Inquiry Key facts and figures – February 2013

- The then Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, announced the establishment of the Public Inquiry to Parliament on 9 June 2010
- The Procedural Hearing was held on **20 July 2010**
- Oral hearings – began on **8 November 2010** in Stafford and concluded on **1 December 2011**
- The Inquiry itself sat for a total of **139** days
- In total, the Inquiry heard from **164** witnesses in person. In addition, **87** witness statements and **39** provisional statements were 'read' into the Inquiry's record. The Inquiry took **352** separate witness statements in total.
- Over a million pages of material was disclosed to the Inquiry (the Inquiry Database contains **64,319** documents and **1,190,648** pages)
- During the course of the Inquiry hearings **55,265** pages were used by Trial Director
- Costs of the Inquiry up to November 2013 are approximately **£13 million**

Since 9 June 2010, the Inquiry has been through several stages:

- **July to August 2010** – four assessors were appointed and the Inquiry began requesting evidence
- **8 November 2010 to 1 December 2011**– public hearings were held to explore the evidence of important witnesses and examine key documents
- **October to November 2011** – a series of seven public seminars were held to explore the 'forward-looking' part of the Inquiry's terms of reference
- **December 2011 to February 2012** – a series of seven fact-finding visits were undertaken to a variety of healthcare organisations
- **December 2012** - the appointment of four independent health expert assessors were announced to assist the Chairman in reviewing his final recommendations.
- **23 January 2013** – the Chairman announced that, following agreement from the Secretary of Health, he will hand over the final report on 5 February 2013 and publish it on 6 February 2013.