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.