

KEY FACTS

Facts and Figures March 2015

- The Inquiry was announced in Parliament in **April 2008** and formally set up in **September 2008** under the Inquiries Act 2005 and the Inquiries (Scotland) Rules 2007 with Lord Penrose appointed as the Chair in **January 2009**.
- There were **12** Terms of Reference covering the period from 1 January 1974–1 September 1991.
- There were **four** main categories of patients who were infected by either or both HIV and Hepatitis C:
 - **478** cases of HCV in patients with bleeding disorders
 - **Approximately 2,500** patients infected with HCV through blood transfusion
 - **60** cases of HIV infection in people with bleeding disorders
 - **18** blood transfusion patients infected with HIV
- A preliminary hearing took place in **March 2009**
- A Preliminary Report was published in **September 2010**
- Oral hearings took place over **89 days from March 2011 to March 2012**
- A further procedural hearing took place in **October 2012** to deal with specific queries on statistics
- Around **118,000** documents were initially recovered by the Inquiry and assessed for relevance to its Terms of Reference. Of these, **5,000** documents were considered to be relevant to its Terms of Reference and were made available to other parties in its Courtbook database. Of these, **2,000** documents were footnoted in the Final Report.

- **159** statements were taken from patient/relative witnesses gave written statements to the Inquiry.
- **67** witnesses gave oral evidence to the Inquiry; many on multiple occasions.
- **18** expert witnesses gave evidence to the Inquiry.
- A total of **34** expert reports or statements were produced on topics including:
 1. Statistics
 2. Medical ethics
 3. Viral inactivation
 4. Viral epidemiology
 5. Collection of blood

- The cost of the Inquiry up to **June 2014** was approximately **£11.3m**. A final cost will be published on conclusion of the Inquiry.
- The Final Report is available both as a printed version and on DVD, and on the Inquiry website: penroseinquiry.org.uk. It consists of two parts: an Executive Summary and the main body of the Report consisting of five volumes:
 1. Patients' Experiences
 2. Knowledge of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C
 3. Blood and Blood Products
 4. Donor Selection and Screening of Donated Blood
 5. Information to Patients