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:
  o 478 cases of HCV in patients with bleeding disorders
  o Approximately 2,500 patients infected with HCV though blood transfusion
  o 60 cases of HIV infection in people with bleeding disorders
  o 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](http://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