

The Nottingham Inquiry Interim Financial Report

22nd April 2025 – 31st July 2026

1. Overview

On 22 April 2025, in a statement to the House of Commons, the then Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, the Rt Hon Shabana Mahmood MP, formally announced the Nottingham Inquiry. The Inquiry was established under the Inquiries Act 2005 to investigate the circumstances surrounding the Nottingham attacks and identify lessons for the future.

This interim financial report provides information on expenditure incurred from the commencement of the Inquiry to 31 July 2026. The Inquiry is sponsored by the Ministry of Justice and funded by the Home Office and the Department of Health and Social Care.

Total expenditure incurred from the commencement of the Inquiry to 31 July 2026 was **£17,541,907.21** as set out in the table below.

Expenses Category	Spend to Date
Salaries and related expenses	£1,313,980.87
Secretariat team	£1,051,905.91
Chair	£262,074.96
Legal costs	£12,250,722.94
Counsel to the Inquiry team	£1,370,885.39
Solicitor to the Inquiry team (includes paralegals)	£7,485,324.03
Section 40 Legal Costs (Core Participants)	£3,394,513.52
Expert witnesses and research	£46,826.59
Emotional support	£85,384.50
IT (includes evidence disclosure platform and information management system)	£749,634.14
Media services and media monitoring	£162,108.00
Accommodation costs	£1,610,075.02
Venue Hire	£1,342,762.62
Office (includes rent costs and other)	£63,118.21
Other costs associated with venue (e.g. security, ushers and furniture)	£204,194.19
Audio Visual	£1,029,353.28
Core Participant and witness expenses	£288,523.87
Other costs	£5,298.00
Total spend until 31st July 2026	£17,541,907.21

2. Areas of spend explained

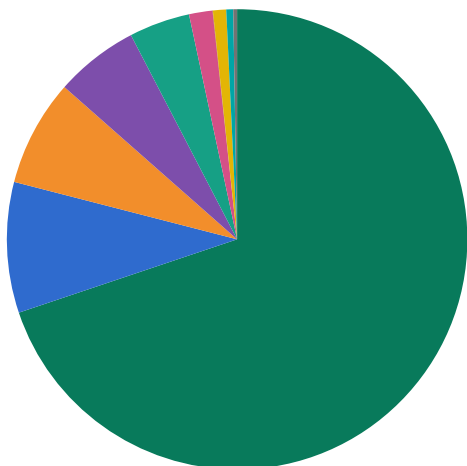
Areas of spend are explained as follows:

- **Salaries and related expenses:** This category covers all salary costs of the Inquiry secretariat team and the Chair of the Inquiry, plus staff expenses.

- **Legal costs.** This category covers the costs of Counsel to the Inquiry, the Solicitor to the Inquiry and their respective teams. It also includes the costs of providing legal representation to Core Participants where funding has been granted under the [Inquiry's Costs Protocol](#).
- **Expert witnesses and research:** This category covers the costs of expert witnesses and specialist research commissioned to provide independent evidence, analysis and expertise to support the Inquiry's investigations and findings.
- **Emotional support:** This category covers expenditure on counselling, wellbeing and safeguarding services provided to support those engaged with the Inquiry.
- **IT:** This category covers systems and services used to manage the Inquiry's documentation, evidence and records, including secure storage and retrieval of information.
- **Media services and media monitoring:** This category covers expenditure relating to communications support, including assisting members of the media attending the hearings and media monitoring.
- **Accommodation costs:** This category covers the costs of the hearing venue in London and of accommodation used to allow some witnesses to give evidence remotely or some Core Participants to view proceedings remotely. It also covers office accommodation and associated services required to support the Inquiry, including security, ushers and furniture.
- **Audio Visual costs:** This category covers the cost of equipment, transcription services and other audio-visual expertise required to facilitate the Inquiry's proceedings.
- **Core Participant and witness expenses:** This category covers expenditure on the reimbursement of approved expenses incurred by Core Participants and witnesses.
- **Other costs:** This category covers expenditure relating to investigative support services, including witness tracing activities, together with other operational costs that support the effective delivery of the Inquiry.

Spend profile by Expenses Category

Total spend to date: £17.54m



Category share

Legal costs	— £12.25m · 69.8%
Accommodation	— £1.61m · 9.2%
Salaries & related	— £1.31m · 7.5%
Audio visual	— £1.03m · 5.9%
IT & evidence platform	— £0.75m · 4.3%
Core participants & witnesses	— £0.29m · 1.6%
Other costs	— £0.01m · <0.1%
Media services	— £0.16m · 0.9%
Emotional support	— £0.09m · 0.5%
Expert witnesses	— £0.05m · 0.3%

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Total spend to date

Percentages shown to one decimal place for clarity.

Notes on financial figures

Every effort has been made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate as of the date of publication. The costs reflect expenditure incurred by the Inquiry from its establishment to **31 July 2026**.

Financial information has been compiled from supplier invoices and other financial records. Expenditure is reported based on the date that invoices were paid and may therefore differ from the period in which the underlying goods or services were received. All reported costs include VAT where applicable.

This report represents an interim position. A final financial report, covering the full lifetime costs of the Nottingham Inquiry, will be published following the conclusion of the Inquiry.

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