

Diary of a disaster

1998

Proposal to create £360m Paddington Health Campus by merging the St Mary's and Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trusts and Imperial College

2002

Contractors raise concerns over industry's capacity to take a scheme of PHC's size

2004

April - NHS announces plan to scale down PHC by 15% to control costs, cost now £827m

September - Government review calls for new outline business case

October - Westminster Council attacks PHC plan

2000

Government approves scheme

2003

Budget increases to £1bn, prompting government review

2005

March - Vital land deal for PHC collapses

June - Scheme is scrapped, leaving a £13.8m bill

