

## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

**Name:** Name suppressed

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I gave birth at the \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital in \_\_\_\_\_, I arrived at the hospital in active labour at 130am on Wednesday the \_\_\_\_\_, I walked in and the first this I was asked was if I wanted my waters broken, I agreed, waters were broken 5 minutes later and I began the processes of labour, around 1 hour after breaking my waters the nurses stated that the CTG machine was confusing my heartbeat with my baby's, they stated they needed to put a probe in his head, I agreed, it took the nurse 4 attempts to get the probe in my babies head, I then continued to labour for for 7 hours until I spiked a temperature of 39.2, I was then told I had to go in for an emergency c section as they were worried about infection, during the c section, after Bub was removed I started feeling nauseous, I was given medication that I had a reaction to (not the hospitals fault, this happens) the medication given made me unresponsive for up to 20 minutes, once I was sort of better they sent me to recovery then soon to the ward, where my partner and mother were then kicked out, I was still not feeling great after the unresponsive episode and I was left with my newborn baby in a room with 3 other women with the curtains drawn; my son was 6 days old when he was diagnosed with HSV, which I believe was cause by the hospital, as during pregnancy you are tested for EVERYTHING and I was clear but the doctors blamed me for this diagnosis, my son was on his death bed when I was being blamed for making him sick; my son was treated at a different hospital and I could not thank the staff enough for everything they have done, all the staff are so supportive, my son is now affected by this diagnosis for the rest of his life.