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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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During all prenatal appointments I was pressured into booking an induction. At one point, the doctor would not let me leave the room until I agreed to book a date in. When I did go into labour, I presented to the hospital, but after my labour stalling I elected to go back home and wait for it to restart. I was called three times during the night pressuring me to come back in the next morning for more monitoring I said I would be back in once I got some sleep. When I went back to hospital, I waited 10 hours before going home again because they did not have a doctor available to see me on day three I return to the hospital waited four hours and was seen by a doctor.

My labour was all demented and sped up. During my labour, I had a midwife who was constantly talking through my contractions every decision I made she would run past my husband and my Doula to make sure they agreed with my decisions. At one point I was labouring using Yoga positions on the floor and she made a comment saying she doesn't usually see people my size on the floor during labour. This midwife also disclose that she primarily does homebirth, and is not familiar with the equipment used in the hospital for fetal monitoring, she struggled to maintain regular monitoring of my baby when I was fully dilated and had the urge to push. She asked me to stop pushing so she could get the doctor in to have a look. The doctor confirmed they have not been monitoring my baby, they have been monitoring me as my baby was crowning, I agree to go in for emergency Caesarean. I had previously had an Eppy dural attempted three times and on the last time it was only partial coverage. When I was on the operating table I did not feel confident in the Eppy, dural so elected to be put onto general . My baby came out with perfectly well.

For extra information, I had a higher BM I and borderline gestationally diabetes also, sorry for the voice to text. I am in the middle of nursing my boy