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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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My son nearly died due to negligence of the medical staff I trusted to get him here safely. I was not respected throughout my son's birth. I was told to suck the gas like I was smoking a "bong" by one midwife and told I'm not "trying hard enough" as I went in and out of consciousness. Medical staff neglected to listen to my support persons or myself until my student midwife who had travelled to be with me demanded they listen. I had a high grade fever that could have led to seizures. The doctor let me push for 2 hours before LYING to me and telling me they HAD NO OTHER CHOICE but to use forceps to deliver him. They also used the vacuum and pulled over the legal amount so I told years later. One of those pulls was so violent the force jolted me up the bed. They LIED to me and told me they were just going to place a "little clip" into my son's skull to monitor him. That is not the case at all. It is a screw that is screwed into the head. They took away my right to make informed choices and give consent multiple times. When things continued to escalate hours later they pressed the emergency button. Did not communicate with my support people or me at all and I was told if I didn't give it all I had they would "have to break my pelvis and the baby's collarbones and rip him out as the doctor has pulled him too far down for a c section. They should have been called hours prior". My son was taken to NICU with a high risk of bleeding to the brain and was left near unrecognisable from the BUTCHER that was supposed to be the doctor in charge of getting him here safely. Afterwards the doctor profusely apologised all in the same sentence BLAMING ME because "a c section wasn't in my birth plan". The birth plan in which was thrown out the moment things went differently, the same birth "plan" that I said I wasn't relying heavily on I just wanted my son here safely.

I have been left with physical health issues down stairs as well as mental health from the traumatic experience of my birth. I wish what I wrote was even the half of it. But it's some and I hope the government can take this seriously and realise what needs to change before it's too late.