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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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My name is Maddy and i am 28, i have a 2 year old and a 9 month old.

I gave birth both times in hospital.

For my first pregnancy i was scared and felt alone because waiting until 20 weeks to see someone for care is horrible! I had to email with a complaint to hospital for my care to even start. I was then given a midwife to see me through each appointment. She was nasty and rude and made comments about the things i eat and my body and i left there feeling horrible about myself. When i presented to the hospital for my labour i had given the midwife my birthing wishes one being to naturally birth my placenta which did not happen because she proceeded to pull it out after i had given birth. I felt it and my doula and partner witnessed it.

I then had an bleed and the emergency button wash pushed for myself and for my baby. What i didnt know was that my son was having trouble breathing and no one bothered to tell me what was going on, he started to get rushed out of the room and i was so out of it after a 3 day labour i looked at my doula with tears in my eyes are she said CAN SOMEONE PLEASE TELL HER WHATS GOING ON! Where they then proceeded to take my son to the NICU so i only held him for the cord cut and he was gone. I did not meet him until 6 hours later. The care post-partum on the ward was disgusting! As a nurse myself i couldn't imagine being so disrespectful and uncaring to a patient.

I had people walk in and out of my room not even saying hello or introducing themselves! People walking right up to me and putting on a blood pressure cuff without so much as any eye contact!. I also waited for 40 MINUTES after pressing the button for someone to enter my room and ask what i needed! 40 Minutes!!! Do you know what can happen in even 5????!! Installation of a call bell board with a timer on it needs to happen! I was also never shown where the emergency button was and only found it behind a rolled up curtain upon leaving! I was in a room alone and i begged for my partner to stay! I was bawling my eyes out! That should not happen! Partners should be aloud to stay the duration if not just the first night especially for the first birth! It was traumatic for him and i and i needed him! And needed his help because the staff did shit all to help me.

I stayed overnight and that was all, i would have discharged against medical advice rather that stay there any longer