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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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I was already in labour but when I went to hospital, they induced me just so the process would be quicker.

They had a student who kept checking how my dilation was going and it put me into tears because of the pain that I was feeling, the student didn't want to do it anymore but was forced by the nurse who was extremely rude and not caring. I was not asked if I wanted to have a student present or carry out internal examinations.

It all started around 3am, I was doubled up in pain because of the induction. Screaming my lungs off and could see the disapproving faces and chats between the nurses.

Then after several hours they told me that I needed to have the epidural because I was pushing and that there was an inflammation of my cervix, the lady who gave me the epidural got the spot wrong making me lose the movement of my right leg for days

When I received the epidural instantly I felt pins and needles. I told the midwives that something was wrong and they said it was normal. Up to today I can't feel my right big toe

Then after 10.00 am the student checking me said I was fully dilated and I could push. My daughter got stuck because obviously I wasn't ready.

So she got stuck between the cervix. They did not ask me or tell me what they were doing but cut me, cut open my vagina and anus to a point that I could hear my daughter crying inside me...

I don't know if I can keep going with this story as it is really painful. But I will.

They used forceps. Hurting both sides of my daughter's head, huge marks

Then they just threw her on my belly, cutting the umbilical cord and then removing her quickly from me to the bed just close to me.

They all were panicking in the room as her breathing was getting slow, including while she was inside me still. Gave her many needles because of the incident.

I was completely in shock and no one advised me about breastfeeding her, only after hours...someone came to the room and asked: how was the first feed? I was in pain, completely gone and my baby as well.

The nurse complained about the blood on the floor...I was completely cut like if I was in a butcher, she was so rude.

I had done an involuntary poo that my mother cleaned up because the nurses were complaining and making faces.

I spent lot of days in the hospital. I couldn't walk for days.

I had incontinence for days because they completely destroyed my muscles and cut me so much.

My daughter still has a bump on the cranial bone that I believe was from the forceps.

Also adding that the person who stitched me was the student and she stitched too much, 8 months later it had to be reopened and repaired. Nobody asked me if it was ok for a student to do this.

Horrible experience and trauma that I will carry for the rest of my life.

To be honest I don't know how my daughter is alive.

Mistakes after mistakes. Just so the process could be quicker.