

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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I gave birth in February 2022 . After a textbook pregnancy and early labour, I then birthed my child's head only for the midwives to notice my son was stuck, we had shoulder dystocia. After 8 minutes without a heartbeat with the doctors trying to remove him, and another 3 minutes to resuscitate him, he was rushed to the NICU where he was cooled to prevent brain damage for 72hrs with sensors in his brain, and then warmed slowly for 24hrs. We then spent 3 weeks in NICU with many ups and downs. I believe a second ultrasound scan during my third trimester to measure the growth of his shoulders and potential see my birth canal this all could have been avoided. Unfortunately, 18 months on the complication from the birth are still present in our everyday lives.