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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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I was coerced into all three methods of induction in 2022 due to my 'large baby' I was sent home when the ward was too busy. And I held faith that the medical team had my best interests at heart. How naive was I? I was told I was stupid because I did not elect to have a cesarean. I was told I would be risking my babies life- based on what evidence? I'm not sure of. The system treats first time mother appallingly. The financial cost involved in having the MGP available to every pregnant mother would be far cheaper than the financial burden the system would be facing now and postpartum from the trauma caused.

My waters had broken and they didn't believe they had- midwife changed shift- I didn't know they test to see if your waters broke or not and I never received a test. My son was born via cat 1 c section whilst I was placed under general anaesthetic I did not see my son til 19 hours later as he was in special care as he had sepsis... wonder how?

I will never trust the system again. I am currently pregnant with my second and I feel like a rude horrible person when I stand my ground regarding things- things I had no idea I had to argue about as a first time mum. We deserve better.