

**Submission  
No 1228**

## **INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA**

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The birth of our eldest was a prem baby and the events that happened after were traumatising. No support at all. My husband had to even help and hold down my hour old son as he stopped breathing while they tried to get a line in and blew every one of his veins. My second was so isolating during covid, the fact being away for days at a time was difficult with no support even the nurses, trapped in a room. The impact this has on our family and our eldest son who is disabled was traumatising for all. Ppa and ppd are real for both parties (mum & dad).