

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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During my labour with my 3rd baby I wasn't made to feel supported. I felt extremely scared and exhausted from weeks of prodromal labour and baby was posterior position. At one point another midwife came into the room I was birthing in and the midwife that was with me said "she's got a case of the 'I can't's'" in reference to me. I have had 2 other positive birth experiences however this one was very traumatic and left me feeling like a failure because of a complete lack of support from the midwives. I also required a cannula and was stabbed 6 times before they could successfully get the needle in leaving me with bad bruising on my hands and arms.