

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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I birthed my son at the old Hospital in July 2021, I was advised by the midwife to stay home as long as I could. I done so which ended up in me turning up to the hospital at 10cm and pushing. The midwives were not ready for me so upon arrival they were running around and told me they couldn't find the babies heart rate and could they do a scalp clip, this was not explained to me or my husband on what a scalp clip was but I said yes as I was in so much pain and was worried for my baby, they were clapping at my face telling me I had 3 pushes to get the baby out or else I was going for a c-section. I told them I feel like I can't stretch enough so without any encouragement to keep pushing they said right we are doing an episiotomy and they did just that. Afterwards a midwife told me they had forceps ready to use but there had been no mention of forceps to us. Towards the end of pushing they told me to stop so they could un-screw the scalp clip, this is the point when I started asking questions as I was confused as I assumed it was a sticky pad type thing to monitor the heart rate but as it was not explained I didn't know. Not even 1 hour after birth I was being questioned as to why I was wanting to stay at least 1 night and not go home within 4 hours. I birthed at 3:25am and had an episiotomy, the car ride home sitting down would have been excruciating pain for me.