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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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I am not quite sure where to start. In 2014 I gave birth to my son via an emergency c-section at [redacted] after many hours of not progressing. Two things have stuck with me and caused me great sadness over the last, almost, ten years: I was not listened to when I said the epidural wasn't working in half of my body. I was pumped full of ketamine and then cut open when I was not numb. 'The Professor' came in to take over and I was so tired at this point. I ended up having to ask for general to stop more ketamine being pumped into only one side. When the nurse took out the epidural later, she said it was not in properly. My baby was taken away from us, namely my husband while I was in recovery. We don't know where he was. From his notes, it seemed like he was perfectly fine. We had been told at every antenatal class that if need be, the baby goes to the father, other parent or someone else present if the mother is recovering. One of the outcomes that I am after is that it doesn't happen to anyone else, if it can be avoided.