

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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April 2nd 2019 I gave birth to my daughter in Hospital. My birth was mismanaged. I remember the doctor pulled on my umbilical cord after I specifically asked him not to. My placenta tore and I haemorrhaged severely. In the panic that followed the staff could not find part of my placenta that was on the floor under my bed and so were manually scraping my uterus to extract retained placenta that wasn't there. I felt scared, abused and I didn't know where my baby was. I suffered symptoms of PTSD in the years that followed, having nightmares and found it very hard to enter a hospital to see any health practitioner of any kind - I had panic attacks at dentists, GPs, osteopaths and whilst having a massage.