

**Submission  
No 1249**

## **INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA**

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Through my pregnancy, I felt very safe and supported through the public sector and with additional help from my pelvic floor physio. At the end and through the birth process I felt horribly pressured by a male obstetrician. During the birth, he would leave the door and screens open, displaying me to the whole ward outside (midwives constantly fixing this), he would do internal exams without my consent or even telling me. He actively pressured me into having a caesarean with no reason other than "it's about time." He then tried to do an episiotomy on me without my consent and after I had said no. I had to physically kick him away. He put me under so much pressure during my labour that my contraction would stop when he entered the room.