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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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Hospital - NSW - at 3pm advised me I was not in labour and to go home I advised I lived 40 minutes away and would stay as I was absolutely in labour. I was told well you are not acting like you are in labour.

I was GBS positive I required an antibiotic to protect my baby. When they finally agreed I was in labour they gave me the antibiotic in my right wrist but this went into my muscle and inflamed my entire hand and wrist. My partner questioned what was wrong with my hand and they said it should be fine.

I struggled with my labour and continued on despite numerous cries for help as nothing was progressing past 8cms they ended up telling me just to push if I had the urge. My daughter was born just 6 hours later funny considering I was advised I was not in labour! She was forcefully birthed naturally at 4.6 kilos I suffered a blood loss damage to my insides and my daughter contracted an illness due to the antibiotics not being given in a timely manner and not being administered correctly.

How I found out my daughter had contracted GBS - 1 day old baby was shaking I informed the night midwife and was told it's fine babies just breathe funny. Babies do not breathe funny and shake I once again raised the concern of this but was not taken seriously

The next day doctor came around to complete final Discharge checks and seen this happen out the corner of his eye and started doing OBS on my baby I said this has been happening since yesterday and I was brushed off. He took my 2 day old baby straight to the special care nursery.

This is where we found out my daughter had neonatal sepsis I was advised by the doctor that if we had left the hospital we may not have made it back in time, I was told as a new mum babies breath funny and was on the verge of being sent home with my baby to potentially end up fatal

The lack of care and support from the moment I walk in the doors in labour with my daughter to the time of discharge was atrocious.

This caused me to be fearful of having another child. This was 8 years ago and I have not gone on to have more due to the trauma of this birthing experience