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## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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Partially  
Confidential

My birth experience was positive but my experience receiving care after delivery was negative. I was forced to wait 2 hours before being attended by a doctor to receive sutures due to vaginal tearing. This doctor did not communicate effectively with myself or my partner and performed vigorous uterine massage which was incredibly painful.

Understaffing of the maternity ward meant that I was continually waiting for assistance. One nurse entered my room to give me medication that I had not discussed with any other staff and when I asked what the medication was and why I needed it, they were not even sure that it was intended for me. This did not give me confidence in the care I was receiving.