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The following is her story.

My name is Jackie and I am from the Devonport region. I gave birth at the Launceston Hospital 15 years ago. It was my first birth, and it has left me with significant trauma.

I was a first time mum, I was only 20 years old and I was scared. I didn't know what to do.

As a survivor of child sexual abuse, I had asked to be attended by only female staff. I was dismissed and ignored. Instead, I had a male doctor. He was dismissive of me and didn't listen to me at all. He performed a vaginal examination on me, by inserting his fingers, without my permission or consent.

This was extremely traumatic for me, and I continue to live with this today.

Thank you for listening,

Jackie