

Aaron's Story

Aaron was born in 1985 with severe cerebral palsy and brain damage due to restriction of oxygen during his birth. However, his mother was always told that nothing could have prevented his injuries. Although she always had doubts about this, she accepted the explanation until about 20 years later when a friend who was a midwife said she really ought to have the matter investigated.

Mrs T sought advice from a law firm specialising in clinical negligence. The firm is represented on AvMA's Specialist Clinical Negligence Panel and therefore qualifies for a legal aid franchise from the Legal Services Commission. Mrs T would never have been able to fund an investigation herself, but with the help of legal aid, her specialist solicitor was, after a struggle, able to establish that there had been problems with the treatment and achieve a settlement in the form of a lump sum and periodical payments to help with the cost of Aaron's care for the rest of his life. It is unlikely the case would ever have been investigated without legal aid being available.