

# Mother called 'inhumane' for not aborting twin babies

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A woman whose twin sons survived after her waters broke 16 weeks into her pregnancy has claimed she was told by doctors that it would be "inhumane" not to abort them.

Hannah Morris's two sons, George and Alfie, are now two years old. She said she was told that they would not survive after her first amniotic sac ruptured at 16 weeks, with the second bursting about three weeks later.

The boys were delivered through caesarean section at 34 weeks in 2016. Alfie was born with holes in his heart and George had a weak immune

system but both are now healthy toddlers. Ms Morris claimed that doctors had shown "abominable" negativity.

Known as pre-term premature rupture of membranes, or PPRM, the loss of amniotic fluid leaves foetuses at risk of infection. The condition affects 2 per cent of pregnancies. Amniotic sacs can heal and fluid can be replenished, but the risk is higher if it occurs before 20 weeks.

An Australian study from 2012 found that in cases of a rupture between 16 and 20 weeks only 17 per cent of foetuses survived to be delivered and discharged from hospital.

Ms Morris, 27, from Washington in

Tyne and Wear, claimed that an *E.coli* infection identified at her 12-week scan was not treated because it was deemed to be mild and said that may have caused her waters to break.

She said that doctors at Royal Bolton Hospital told her that her twins' organs may not fully develop and that their limbs may stick to their bodies.

"The negativity from the NHS was absolutely abominable," Ms Morris said. "A lot of the doctors had not got a clue what to do with me. It was like it was their get-out clause to say 'have a termination' because it was easier than to actually treat PPRM."

She said that two days after being



**Hannah Morris ignored doctors' advice and her sons are now healthy toddlers**

advised to abort the foetuses a scan showed that the babies seemed healthy and she was allowed to go home.

"The doctors reviewed it each week and said it looks like they are doing fine but that is going to change so you need to terminate the pregnancy," Ms Morris said. "[They told me] their lungs won't be developed and their kidneys won't be developed, choosing to carry on was immensely inhumane and was the worst thing I could do." The Bolton NHS Foundation Trust said: "We are sorry to hear this. We do not comment on individual cases. However, we would be happy to meet with Hannah to discuss this directly with her."