

Doctor Cleared Over Forceps Death

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A doctor has been cleared of manslaughter after a baby which he delivered using forceps died.

Prosecutors had claimed that Mohie El-Khadem used "excessive force" when delivering Olivia Rowlings at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in May 2002.

Olivia died from severe brain injuries eight hours after the birth.

It was alleged that Dr El-Khadem had failed to carry out proper examinations during labour and had used excessive force to pull the child out.

Olivia was in the wrong position as Dr El-Khadem tried to deliver her, and after using a Ventouse suction cup he switched to using forceps.

The court heard that he was sweating profusely and that Olivia's mother Julie Rowlings was slipping down the bed because of the force being used.

She also said she heard Dr E-Khadem shouting out 'It's all my fault. It's all my fault' following the delivery.

The jury at Birmingham Crown Court decided unanimously that he was not guilty of the charges.