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I want to see the record straight on this link up .My parents didn't collude with the doctor at all (which someone else must have come to that conclusion reading my story) . My parents were easy prey being migrants) the doctor promoted adoption as the only solution (since marriage was out of the question for me) he in fact with his strong " so called Christian beliefs) was of the belief it's wrong for unwed mothers to keep their babies he was obviously judgmental towards them in general). That's what I feel now years later reflecting on this .Apart from confirming my pregnancy I was most ignored in his surgery that day with my Mother present . He was more concerned with comforting my Mother who was in tears while I looked on in absolutely horror not saying a word.
My parents were not bad parents as such but just ignorance and just too trusting of highly authorities especially there local GP . My father always said you always follow your doctors advise .
Had we been to another doctor who
Had recommended against adoption and not to separate unwed Mothers from their babies unnecessarily.
My parents would have taken that advise also believing this doctor knew best .
If its possibly please add this to my previous submissions .
Or if it's not possible I'd like it to be to considered still .
Thanks .
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