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A 10-year-old boy was awarded a compensation package totalling £7.1m today over medical negligence at birth which left him with severe brain damage.

Harry Snowdon, of Witney, Oxfordshire, will never be able to work and will always require 24-hour care.

A judge at the High Court in London gave his approval to a financial settlement of his claim, comprising a lump sum of £2.3m and annual payments for the rest of his life.

Harry was born on 23 February 1999 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

His lawyers said he was delivered by caesarean section four hours later than he should have been and by that time had sustained severe brain damage due to oxygen starvation.

Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust admitted liability.