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PAIR FACE JAIL AFTER ABUSE OF NEWBORN; NEGLECT

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A COUPLE failed to get medical help for a baby aged just six weeks after she caught meningitis, leaving her deaf, blind and disabled.

Rizwan Patel, 26, admitted two charges of child cruelty and one of GBH on the baby.

Alliah Bradshaw, 29, pleaded guilty to two charges of child cruelty when the pair appeared at Bradford crown court on Thursday.

The couple from Hebden Bridge, West Yorks, allowed fractures on both the child's legs to go undiagnosed for more than three weeks.

After the hearing, Calderdale Council's child boss Paul Brennan said the pair were known to children and young people's services.

He said: "This is an extremely sad case. The council is now responsible for the child's care and welfare."

Adjourning the case, the Recorder of Bradford, Judge Stephen Gullick, warned Patel and Bradshaw: "All options are open, which include a prison sentence."

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