

Mother's collapse calls halt to trial

A TRIAL into the death of baby Logan Ormston was halted when his mother took ill in the dock.

Courtney Ormston is accused of causing or allowing the death of a child after her two month old baby was found with serious injuries.

Her former partner, Karl Walker, is alleged to have murdered Logan, which he denies.

Yesterday the trial at Newcastle Crown Court had to be stopped after Ormston complained of feeling unwell.

Jurors had begun to hear medical evidence from a doctor appearing over a video link from Singapore.

But after less than half an hour Ormston indicated from the dock she was not well.

A paramedic attended the court to examine her and a decision was taken to adjourn the case until today.

Logan was allegedly attacked by Walker, who was living with him and Ormston at Montrose Crescent, Gateshead.

The baby had suffered a serious head injury consistent with having been shaken or hit against a hard surface, or both.

Tests showed Logan also had three fractures to his ribs, a broken arm, a bite mark to his thigh and bruising.

Walker, 25, denies murder and causing or allowing the death of a child.

Ormston, 21, denies causing or allowing the death of a child. The trial continues.

Daring father pulls out of marathon

Family fears a Boston-style attack at London event

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A DAREDEVIL dad who has dedicated his life to raising thousands of pounds for a hospital will not run the London Marathon because his family fears a Boston-style attack.

Former professional athlete Ivan Hollingsworth, 37, from Monkseaton, has previously taken on challenges including skiing down a mountain in a mankini and running 100 miles in less than 24 hours in aid of the Children's Heart Unit Fund.

But Ivan says he cannot put his family through the worry of him taking part in what could be a high-profile terrorist target.

He fears that the event has come too soon after the bombs exploded at the world's oldest 26.2 mile annual race in Boston, killing three people.

"I think if I was single, with no dependents, then I'd probably have thought 'sod them, this will not stop me running'," Ivan said

"I'd go and do it because I would not want to think that these attacks should affect the lives of good normal people, especially when it comes to something like a marathon where people are achieving amazing things personally and for people less well off than themselves," he added.

"But I'm married and have a child and have to consider their safety and feelings.

"I put a tweet out saying what I was considering, and I don't think I've ever had such a response - so many people were saying 'no, you can't let it beat you', but when you have others to think about it's different.

"I know London is probably now going to be one of the safest places you can be on Sunday, and I found the decision really difficult, but I can always do the Marathon of the North a



CHAOS A runner is helped at the Boston Marathon



FAMILY MAN Ivan Hollingsworth. Inset, with son Seb and wife Nadine

week later in Sunderland, where there's fewer people and it's a less major event.

"Maybe it was meant to be this way after such hard training over the winter I'm not going to just give up completely now."

Ivan's four-year-old son Seb was diagnosed with the heart condition tetralogy of fallot hours after being born. Ivan, a pharmaceutical rep, and his business manager wife Nadine, 35, anxiously waited as medics at the children's heart unit, based at the Freeman Hospital, carried out heart surgery when Seb was 16 weeks old.

That made his decision to pull out very difficult.

He said: "It's been a tough decision because I don't think anyone should allow their plans to be altered by these sort of things."

A spokesman for the London marathon said organisers have reviewed security with the Metropolitan Police and other authorities prior to the race.

"We are being fully supported in all aspects of the event to safeguard our runners, spectators, volunteers and staff," the spokesman said.

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