

## **SURVIVOR SUPPORT STATEMENT**

### **SECTION A —SURVIVOR DETAILS**

**Survivor Name:** Andrew Clark

**Date of Birth:** 16/07/1966

**Care Setting(s):** Castle Craig

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### **SECTION B —Supporting Statement Name Details**

**Name:** Dorothy Carroll

**Relationship to Survivor:** Sister

**Length of Relationship:**

#### **Purpose of This Statement**

I am providing this statement in support of Andrew Clark's Redress Scotland application. I know him personally and wish to offer information about his experiences he has shared with me, and the impact this has had on his life.

#### **How I Know the Applicant**

Andrew is my younger brother. I'm 18 months older.

#### **What the Applicant Shared with Me**

I always remember when he was in this place, he used to come home at weekends and he hadn't been home for a wee while, but when he did come home, he was quite withdrawn, not his normal self. Then eventually, I think it was the last year there or something, when I spoke to him, he was quite deep. He wouldn't really express himself to you and I said to him, listen Andy, you need to speak about it instead of keeping it to yourself, you need to get it out. Eventually he spoke to me and said he was getting battered around in the place and I said to him that I did wonder if something like that was happening. I don't know why, maybe because he was a wee babe.

I could see a difference in him before he went into the place, and when he was in the place. When he was coming back home, he'd come home on a Friday teatime, and then Monday morning he used to go back, my dad used to take him into the town to be picked up. When he came down on a Monday morning it was usually stressful going back. He would hide, he'd be hiding under the bed as didn't want to go back and cry. I was young myself and I'd say this is horrible. He didn't want to go back there, and I didn't know why being young myself. He was very withdrawn and wouldn't go out or play with pals. He just wasn't himself.

## **Impact I Have Observed**

To be honest, I think about the impact on his life to it and I think he's still quite withdrawn about things. I don't know if there's more to it, about what he said.

They'd go saying stuff to him then say if you go telling anyone about this, we'll keep you here longer. Back then he'd be in fear and wouldn't want to go saying anything as he was young. He kept a lot of that stuff to himself. He withdrew a lot.

I think it kind of affected his friendships with people. He'd try to make friends with people, but I got the impression he couldn't trust anyone. He found it hard sometimes to communicate with other people. Right now, I still feel he's still kind of withdrawn, and kind of quite nervous. I said to him maybe you should speak to someone because it's been a long time to keep it in to yourself. He's a very deep person and keeps things inside. There's been times when I've seen him breaking down crying, but he's not wanted to speak to me. Once he did so obviously it had all been very upsetting

As a child he was quite a happy child before going in there. Once he went in there, it totally changed him, completely. It wasn't for the better, it was for the worse as he wasn't the same person and I really noticed that. He was really withdrawn. He was really happy go lucky as a child. Back then it was a nightmare as he would just be hiding under the bed when it came for the time for my dad to take him back there, and he didn't want to go back there.

I think it's put a strain on relationships, and family as well. It's had a big impact on his life. I think there's a bit more to it that he's not speaking about, I don't know, I can tell there's something. He not been right in himself. I also think he's got a bit of depression through all this. I've seen him crying and quite a few times and being frightened, and spoke to him about this stuff, and thought my God, he's trying to hurt himself. It just shows, you don't know what's going on in these places.

## **Closing Statement**

I offer this statement to support Andrew's application. Everything I have written reflects what he has shared with me and what I have personally observed during the time I have known him.

**Name:** Dorothy Carroll

**Date:** 21/01/2026