

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS *(office use only)*

Survivor Name: Alexander McNeil

Date of Birth: 17/10/1956

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Agnes McNeil

Relationship to Survivor: younger sister

Purpose of This Statement

I am providing this statement in support of the above survivors Redress Scotland application. I know them personally and wish to offer information about their experiences they shared with me, and the impact this has had on their life.

How I know the Survivor

Alex is my brother

What the Survivor shared with me

It was a little over a year ago that Alex started to talk to me about what had happened to him. There are 9 of us, Alex is the eldest, he's 10 older than me. He welled up when he spoke to me.

He spoke about an incident when he was in Cardross, where he had left and ran away. This was the first time he had spoken about this. He said he was picked up and taken back to the school where they stripped him of his clothes, he was completely naked with only a towel around him and locked up in a cold room for the night. He told of how he taken in front of them, naked and beaten on his bare backside. Each taking turn to beat him. All the others children were there.

One night I said, Alex and I was talking about his time in Balgowan school...Alex started welling up and floodgates opened. Alex was traumatised. As Alex told me about his experience. I got upset...he was telling me how staff members would enter his room at night forcing him to masturbate them, he was in tears, horrendous time in the house. They seemed to pick on the ones who didn't have any visitors or family.

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

His brother was also in homes and always run away. Very withdrawn and deep, cautious, not like other brothers, he's different – doesn't like authority. Doesn't like attention. Always had a small circle of friends.

Supporting Statement confirmation

I offer this statement to support the above survivor's application. Everything I have written reflects what they have shared with me and what I have personally observed during the time I have known them.

Name: Agnes McNeil

Date: 03/02/2026