

SUPPORT STATEMENT

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

Survivor Name: James McCracken

Date of Birth: 27/08/1978

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Victoria Griffiths

Relationship to Survivor: Partner

Length of Relationship: 6 Years.

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.

What the Survivor shared with me

James shared his experiences with me quite early on in our relationship. He told me that he was abused in care as a child. He was locked in cupboards for hours on end and I think that this is why, he cannot stand the dark and cannot have any door fully closed. He told me that he was sent to school in dirty clothing and was made to feel worthless. He was repeatedly told that he would never amount to anything. He was woken up during the night, sometimes early morning with buckets of cold water thrown over him. He also saw other children being abused. He recalled how soap was forced into his mouth too. He said that he would frequently be grabbed by the ears. Staff would push him over whilst he was walking past them, and they would laugh if he cried. They also lied about James's misbehaving so that he wouldn't be allowed home at weekends.

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Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

As I stated earlier James cannot close any door fully, and hates the dark, which isn't the best thing when you've got a very mobile 1 year old. James will often wake up through the night, sweating and screaming. I think he is having nightmares; he struggles to get a full night's sleep. The process of the Scottish Redress claim is making the sleeplessness worse, as he's reliving the trauma currently.

James has no respect for authority figures, because he was abused by them in care.

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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: Victoria Griffiths

Date: 05/05/26