

SUPPORT STATEMENT

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

Survivor Name: David John Rodger

Date of Birth: 15/09/1964

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Andrew Robert Rodger

Relationship to Survivor: Brother

Length of Relationship: 59 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

My brother David told me a number of times how it affected him when he got taken away from his family as a boy. He was basically my friend as well and he told me that he would cry at night when he was away. Also, that he was bullied by older residents, and constantly in fear from the teachers and adults. I remember how he changed. He told me how the place worked, that there were classes in the daytime like school. He told me he did not want to be there, that he missed all his family when they came to take him away every Monday morning

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

My brother was never the same after coming out of Kittoch. He became very angry and withdrawn. Not the same brother and friend I had before they took him away from his family. He seemed to hold something against our Mum and Dad. He thought that they didn't do enough to help him when he came home.

He started drinking at an early age and seemed to be ill all the time. David has a heart problem, has had it for years, caused by nerves and severe anxiety. To this day he can become very aggressive for no apparent reason, which I first witnessed when he started going to Kittoch.

It totally changed him and we were very close as kids. It definitely had a bad effect on his life going forward and his health over the years. The situation affected our whole family.

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: Andrew Rodger

Date: 02/05/2026