

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: Richard Garrett

Date of Birth: 02/10/1973

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Lynn Garrett

Relationship to Survivor: Wife

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

We've been together for 18 years. He's got no trust in anyone in authority whatsoever. When we had our son Joshua, he wouldn't even let Josh go to nursery or anything. He was always scared that someone was going to hurt him. It's really hard to put into words, especially if you've not been through anything like that yourself. It's hard to understand as well because I had a really good childhood. You think, how could someone hurt a child? He's very protective as well; it's hard to explain.

When Josh was starting school, Richard would be saying 'is he alright, what about this' and I said he's got to go to school but Richard would say, 'just because they're teachers and all that doesn't mean they're not going to hurt a child'. I think what it was for Richard is that he got taken out of his home to go somewhere where he thought he was going to be safe and he wasn't.

Richard's not had the best start and he did struggle at first being a dad. I honestly used to believe he used to find it hard to love his kids, but I knew he loved them. When Josh was in nursery, Richard used to say to me 'he's too little, what if he gets hurt' and I said in what way Richard? He'd say 'well, if he does something wrong or if he does this and they hit him or something'. Also, he'd say 'what if he has an accident and they make fun of him' as he had a really big thing about that.

There was a lot of name calling. He said the staff were really horrible at that place. He did say to me that there were worse things that happened to other kids. There was a male who was really horrible to the other children, and he used to enjoy watching other children beat other children up.

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

When he started to explain stuff to me, I sort of started to understand about why he was the way he was. When we sat down to talk, he'd be like do I look at him differently. He'd say, 'I'm still the same person' and I'd say you can't control what's happened to you. He's always questioning himself as well, you know, is he good enough and I'm like you've done nothing wrong. He's always unsure about himself.

I've sat there with him for nights and he's just cried. He'd say, 'all this stuff has been going on for years and they're still allowing it to happen'. He would walk in and get called an English bastard and things like that, and you're just a child; or you have an accident and you're being ridiculed in front of all these other children; someone's having a bad day so they think it's alright to walk past you and just give you a clip or sit you on a chair to humiliate you in front of other people.

I look at my sons and think how could anybody do that to a child? They need people to be held accountable for what they've done; they've not just affected their childhood but affected their adulthood as well.

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: 18/05/2026

Date: Lynn Garrett