
RE: SAR25/26 - 697/Redress - NRS-DP-2025-1266 - Final response

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Date Wed 25/02/2026 12:15

To Michelle Sherratt <MichelleS@aikerlegal.org>

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Our Ref: SAR25/26 - 697/Redress

Dear Ms Sherratt

SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST

I am writing to you regarding your letter dated 22 December 2025, making a request for personal information on behalf of your client, John Alan Rankine.

I can confirm that we have been unable to locate any documentation based on the information you have provided.

I appreciate that this will be disappointing for your client. However, National Records Scotland will respond to you directly to inform you of the results of the search of their records and may be also in the position to provide details of other public bodies who may hold information relating to your request.

If you are not happy with this outcome and wish to make a complaint, please contact the Scottish Government's Data Protection Officer in the first instance

Data Protection Officer
Victoria Quay
EH6 6QQ
dataprotectionofficer@gov.scot

If, following this review, you still have concerns about the way your data has been handled you can write to the UK Information Commissioner's Office – the regulator for data protection in the UK – at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745

You may also find their website <http://www.ico.org.uk/> a useful source of information.

Yours sincerely

Eva



From: Eva Jacob <Eva.Jacob@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Data protection and information assets Mailbox
Sent: 22 January 2026 10:49
To: MichelleS@aikerlegal.org
Cc: NRS : Data Protection <dataprotection@nrscotland.gov.uk>; Data protection and information assets Mailbox <dpa@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SAR25/26 - 697/Redress - NRS-DP-2025-1266 - Interim reponse

Our Ref: SAR25/26 - 697/Redress

Dear Ms Sherratt

SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST

I refer to your letter to National Records Scotland requesting a search of records in relation to your client, John Alan Rankine.

The Scottish Government do not hold all files in relation to all schools and residential homes and as a result of our searches, I can confirm that we have been unable to locate any documentation within the Children's Rights Protection and Justice division based on the information you have provided. However, I await search results from the Youth Justice division and I will respond fully once I have the return.

Yours sincerely

Eva

Eva Jacob | Information Assurance and Data Protection Branch
Digital Citizens Unit | Digital Directorate | Scottish Government



From: Eva Jacob <Eva.Jacob@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Data protection and information assets Mailbox
Sent: 31 December 2025 14:16
To: MichelleS@aikerlegal.org
Cc: NRS : Data Protection <dataprotection@nrscotland.gov.uk>; Data protection and information assets Mailbox <dpa@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SAR25/26 - 697/Redress - NRS-DP-2025-1266 - Acknowledgement

Our Ref: SAR25/26 - 697/Redress

Dear Ms Sherratt

SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST

I refer to your letter to National Records Scotland requesting a search of records in relation to your client, John Alan Rankine.

NRS have passed your request to the Information Assurance and Data Protection team at the Scottish Government to enable a search of records held by the Directorate for Children and Families to be conducted.

All personal information will be accessible to you unless that information is covered by an exemption under data protection laws. In carrying out your request information will be shared with relevant business areas where necessary to ensure a complete return.

The one calendar month period allowed for response to your request will expire on 22 January 2026.

Yours sincerely

Eva

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Digital Citizens Unit | Digital Directorate | Scottish Government**



From: Michelle Sherratt <MichelleS@aikerlegal.org>

Sent: 22 December 2025 10:43

To: dp@southlanarkshire.gov.uk; foi.request@southlanarkshire.gov.uk; Data protection and information assets Mailbox <dpa@gov.scot>; NRS : Data Protection <dataprotection@nrscotland.gov.uk>

Cc: DSAR-ATMR <DSAR-ATMR@aikerlegal.org>; Support - Aiker Legal <support@aikerlegal.org>

Subject: DSAR Request - John Rankine

To whom it may concern

We are writing to make a Data Subject Access Request under the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. As part of our client's application to the Redress Scheme Scotland. We request access to records that you hold for our client.

Please see details below:

Client: John Rankine

Date of Birth: May 21st 1971

Address: 16 Oakdene Avenue, Bellshill, ML4 1JU

Previous name: Cossar (birth name)

Mother's name: Margaret Cossar

Father's name: John Cossar

Siblings: Jane Baker, Ann Cossar, James Bath, Diane Rankin (Adopted Sister). Middle Sibling.

Address before care or area lived: Law Village

Approximate Dates in Care: Age 1 to 17.

Institution: Ridge Park Children's Home.

Please find attached a signed mandate on behalf of our client authorising the release of this information. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully,
Michelle Sherratt
Aiker Legal

Merry Christmas! We will close December 23rd 16:30 for the festive period and re-open January 5th 09:00.

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