

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: Gary McIlhagga

Date of Birth: 08/11/1984

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Stuart Campbell / Parker

Relationship to Survivor: Uncle

Length of Relationship: 41 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

Gary told me that he had been getting physically abused since he arrived at St John's residential school. I noticed this myself in how his behaviour changed, he seemed very quiet when he was allowed leave home. I asked him on many occasions if everything was OK, he wouldn't tell me anything at first but over time he explained to me that he was being physically & mentally abused by staff at the school. He told me that he was regularly starved & kept in the pool room in the dark & cold.

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Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

He also told me he was threatened by staff that if he told anyone things would get worse.

I feel like this has affected Gary throughout his adult life, he has struggled with ~~relationships~~ ~~relationships~~ relationships & authority throughout his life he has ^{also} ~~also~~ had severe mental health issues which has affected his quality of life.

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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: Stuart Campbell / Parker.

Date: 14.05.26.

