

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: Darren Spence

Date of Birth: 21/09/1984

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Anglela Anderson

Relationship to Survivor: Stepmother

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

Darren did not have a good childhood with his mother at all; their relationship deteriorated to the point where his mother said that she was putting him into a home. I fought to keep Darren and had a lot of help from Darren's social worker Yvonne who was fantastic, but his mother had the last say in the matter and wanted him put into a home. Darren got put into care at around age 13 and it wasn't good for him. While he was in the care homes, he was saying that he was being hit and to be truthful we didn't believe him. We just thought he was making up stories just to get out. But I am a lot older now and I really do believe that what Darren said was happening was happening to him. Especially when I think about his behaviour since and his drinking and the way he was in and out of orison, I really do believe him now. While he was in care, we still saw him a bit, but it wasn't as much. While Darren was in care, I thought that his behaviour got worse. He was extremely angry and wanting to fight with everybody he was an angry angry boy. After he came out, he wouldn't speak about what had happened in care, but he would say things like nobody knows what I went through. I would tell him that you need to talk to somebody Darren, you can't bottle it up yourself.

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

While Darren was in care his behaviour got worse, he became a much angrier and more aggressive person. Then when he came out, he turned to drink and drugs and ended up going in and out of prison. I am one hundred percent sure that this stems from his experience in care. I truly believe that if we could have kept Darren or had a chance with Darren then he would have been fine. If he had been settled here instead of being taken into care, he would have had a much better life. It has really affected him since then.

Supporting Statement Declaration

I offer this statement to support the named survivor's application. Everything I have written is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. It reflects what I was personally told by the survivor, and what I have personally observed during the time I have known them.

Name: Angela Anderson

Date: 24/07/2026

Method: Taken via phone call