

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: William Chalmers

Date of Birth: 25/03/1964

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Mrs Elaine Chalmers

Relationship to Survivor: wife

Length of Relationship: 39 years married

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 husband shared with me early on in our relationship about being in Bostel school but took awhile to tell me some experiences he had there. He told me that the staff would batter him for answering back. They would stop his weekend releases because of this. At night was always worse as you could see staff going in other kids rooms and hear children screaming. He said it was horrendous to try and sleep with noise and fear.

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Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

Over the years I have noticed that William is a very deep person. He is not good at showing emotions. When he was younger he had quick temper and not good at coping with certain situations especially where any aggressive behaviours were involved. I would say his experiences has made William a very loyal and protective husband, father and grandfather. He is not very good with strangers in his circle as he struggles to trust. William has a circle of friends and family and thats where you see him most comfortable.

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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: Mrs Elaine Chalmers

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