

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: Robert Johnstone

Date of Birth: 03/03/1962

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Andrena Johnstone

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

Robert's told me everything about his past time in the placements. We have a very good trusting relationship, and he would prefer to talk to me about things than others. I deal with everything for him as he can't really write and can't spell. I've kind of looked after him in that way dealing with written stuff and that. We've got a joint bank account so that I can look after things. Everything like that I deal with. He's good manually; he's a good handyman. My mother always used to say, "you've got a great man there".

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

When I first met Robert, we were really young. I was 15 and Robert was 20. He worked at a farm, but he drank after work every night. He was a really nice guy when he didn't drink but when he did, he was a totally different guy. He just changed because of his memories.

After we got married and had the kids Robert settled down a bit more, and he only drank a bit at weekends. Sometimes it was okay but other times it was hard work. I had to try to understand that he was only going off his head because of the drink. Other than that, he was a dead nice person.

He was on and off with the drink. It was mostly the drink that done it to him. He would have days where he would be thinking about things from the past; you could just tell. Like with having 2 girls, he used to worry about them all the time. He always tried to provide for them because he didn't have much.

He was a bit more settled when he stopped drinking altogether, but you could see he was still thinking about the past and when there's people in and they'd start talking about their past he'd constantly go on and on and on. He'd say, "I remember this, and I remember that". He'd go off on one and just couldn't control what he thinks. You could tell that his past was hurting him.

He gets flashbacks about it all; if it happens you can just see him changing away to a totally different person. I can tell when he's thinking about things. Robert and I have been together for over 40 years. I think we bounce off each other and help each other. My family have been a great support to him 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: Andrena Johnstone

Date: 13/07/2026