

## **SUPPORT STATEMENT**

### **SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS**

**Survivor Name:** Kevin Paterson

**Date of Birth:** 08/05/1969

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### **SECTION B — Supporting Person Details**

**Name:** Rosemary Paterson

**Relationship to Survivor:** Mother

#### **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**

I know he had a very hard time up there and he kept running away because he was bullied and he was put in the pokey room. I know that he had a very hard time up there and he kept running away from the place. He told me he was running away because he was getting bullied and put in the pokey room. We had a hard job getting into the place to visit him, we used to try and call him to see him and a lot of the times we couldn't get in to see him. The staff would tell us that we couldn't see him because he had been grounded. Kevin would speak about how horrible it was there quite often and would tell us that he got bullied and got hurt. Two or three times we found he had run away from the place, and we had no idea how they were going to get him back and we didn't know where he had gone to, so it was very worrying. When Kevin told me what they were doing there in thought they shouldn't be allowed to do those sorts of things, but you didn't know exactly what was going on behind closed doors. I used to say to Kevin surely there is a law against what they are doing to you in there, but he just used to say this is what they do and they know they can get off with it.

#### **Impact to the Survivor that I have observed**

Kevin changed a lot when he went there and he wasn't the same by when he came out. When he left, he seemed to want to look for fights with everybody and was more

aggressive and angrier. That took a while for it to come out because Kevin was a very quiet boy before he went there. After he came out, if somebody did something that upset him, he would tolerate it for so long and then he would erupt. I think it's had a lasting impact on his life because he started drinking a lot and I think it is related to his time in care.

**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:** Rosemary Paterson

**Date:** 03/07/2026

**Method:** Taken over phone