

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: Graeme Henderson

Date of Birth: 10/07/1986

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Elaine Henderson

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

Really nothing. What happened in there he never really told anybody. He started in there as a day boy and he was going really quite wild, he was in there for a few months, but I couldn't say exact dates as I can't remember. He was totally changed when he came out of there and he wouldn't talk to us about anything. We would say to him are you okay and he would snap back yes, I'm fine, I'm fine but you knew something was bothering him. He never told me anything. I don't know if he told his dad anything because his dad passed last year but I think if he did tell his dad anything his dad would have told me. So as far as I'm aware he never really told anyone anything. I know when he was a day boy and if they were kind of unruly or were carrying on then the staff would give them a slap or a punch or something which I didn't agree with, but I didn't know exactly what happened in there.

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

He was totally wild when he came out. I don't know if he was rebelling against the strict regime or the way they got treated in there but we he was totally different. You can still see now that at times he just goes into trances and stuff, and he has to attend mental health appointments. He doesn't go out; I have to go from my house to his house to take him a shop because he doesn't want to go out, it's just him and his two boys in the

house all the time. As a young child he was a happy boy, but he started changing and I just put it down to his age, but he was a totally different person when he came out. When we would go to visit him in St John's you could see that his personality was changing. When certain adults passed he would be watching them and you could see the same with all the boys in there that if certain adults were present or were passing by the boys would be watching them out of the corner of their eye, as if they were thinking they were going to get a backhand or something. Me and his dad used to say to him what's wrong tell us and we can get it sorted but he wouldn't tell us anything. It's had a big, big impact on him, he can go so long but if somebody says something to him, he can just erupt. He doesn't like being around many people or other people, he just can't cope with it. There is a vast difference in him now. I know he was a wee bugger when he went in as a day boy, but he was a totally different boy when he came out, he really was.

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: Elaine Henderson

Method: Taken over phone call

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