

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Carol-Anne Murdoch

Date of birth

Day 03

Month 12

Year 1987

Your statement for additional care settings

In Part 1, you will have already provided information about the care settings you were abused in. By providing this information here, your case worker can join together the name of the care setting with your statement of abuse.

Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

(For example, the name of the care home, or the city or region where you lived in foster care or while boarded out).

Foster Care

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

Q2 | When were you abused?

For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

1991

You do not have to provide names, if you cannot remember or do not feel comfortable doing so. If you do provide a name it will be passed to Police Scotland.

Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?

For example: a member of staff, a peer or someone outside the care setting.

The information you provide will be used by Redress Scotland to make a decision about your application. Redress Scotland will use the "Assessment framework" to help them do this, available on [gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot). Please be aware that it contains graphic descriptions of abuse.

Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
- what life was like for you during this time
- how the people responsible for your care and welfare failed to carry out that duty (within or beyond your care setting)

You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

Part 2 of the application form provides more information about what you may want to include.

Your statement for additional care settings

I was placed into foster care because my mum didn't want to look after us. She looked after children as part of her job and used to say that when she came home, she didn't want to deal with children anymore. The only time I felt she wanted me was when she was showing me off to other people. I was placed with foster carers Jane and Alistair. Jane worked as a childminder during the day, looking after children from the family home. While I lived there, Alistair behaved inappropriately towards me. There was another foster child, Scott, who was older than me. Alistair would often drop Scott off first so that I was left alone with him in the car. Those journeys were the worst. He would stroke my leg, stare down my top and use any excuse to touch me, including grabbing my backside while pretending to help me down a ladder. I was always frightened he was going to touch my private areas. Sometimes he would take me and a friend out together and make sexual comments such as, "Who's giving me head tonight?" and "Who's sucking me off?" He would also put cigarettes down the back of my trousers so he had an excuse to slap my bottom. We became so uncomfortable around him that we wore coats, even during the summer, to cover ourselves up. Inside the house his behaviour was less obvious because Scott was usually there, but he still became moody if other men spoke to me. He disguised his behaviour by acting like the "cool" foster dad, taking us out and giving us cigarettes. Looking back, I know no adult should behave that way towards children. The bathroom door had a broken lock with a hole through it, which meant I never felt safe getting changed or having a bath. I once blocked the hole with toilet paper, but while I was getting changed someone pushed it back through. I can only assume it was Alistair because the other children were infants. I would sit cramped in the corner so nobody could see me. After I returned to live with my parents, Alistair still came to the house. I remember one occasion when the front door was open and he walked in and tried to kiss me. I told my parents, but they did nothing. My mum had witnessed other inappropriate behaviour from Alistair over the years and never tried to protect me. Even after I moved into my own home, Alistair continued to come around and make me feel uncomfortable. I eventually reported what had happened to the police, but instead of feeling believed, I was made to feel like I had done something wrong. They told me I was being insensitive and described Alistair as a good man, which made the whole experience even more upsetting.