

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Neil Douglas

Date of birth

Day 21 Month 11 Year 1976

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).

Cadross Park Assesment Centre

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.

1988

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

My mum was only 14 years old when I was born, and she had been abused while she was in care herself. Because of everything she was going through, I was passed between different family members until I was about four years old. I have been told that, when I was a baby, I was used as a way of hurting my mum. As she had given birth to me while she was in care, I was deliberately put into freezing water and harmed in an attempt to cause her more pain. Although I was too young to remember this myself, this is what I have been told happened.

When I was around 12 years old, I was sent to Cardross Assessment Centre because I did not get on with my stepfather. By that age I had started going off the rails and staying away from home. Looking back, I believe I needed help and support to deal with what I had experienced, but instead I was placed into care. My time at Cardross Assessment Centre was frightening. I felt locked away most of the time and lived in a constant state of fear. The atmosphere was intimidating, and I experienced ongoing emotional and psychological abuse. I did not feel cared for or supported by the staff. They showed very little compassion, and I was made to feel as though my feelings and wellbeing did not matter.

For many years I completely blocked out my memories of this place. It is only recently, after beginning to talk to someone about my childhood, that small memories have started to come back. Although I still cannot remember everything, I know how frightened and alone I felt there, and I believe the trauma I experienced caused me to suppress much of what happened.