

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Donna Mckee

Date of birth

Day 20

Month 01

Year 1973

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.

1975 - 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

When I was two years old, my mother left my brother and me, and we were taken into the care of social services. We were placed with my grandmother, who lived with my grandfather and my two uncles. From the moment we arrived there, I never felt safe. Even in my own bedroom, where a child should feel secure, I never felt protected. My grandmother drank heavily, particularly at weekends, and that was when things became even worse. Our basic needs were neglected, and our wellbeing was never a priority. I remember being told that we would never be listened to because we were not really theirs. Those words stayed with me and made me feel as though no one would ever care about what happened to us. Whilst we were living there, I felt responsible for looking after my younger brother. I wanted to protect him from everything that was happening around us. Looking back now, I know I was only a child myself and should never have been placed in that position. Even today, I still carry feelings of guilt and often feel as though I did not do enough to protect him, despite knowing that the responsibility should never have been mine.

There were always people coming and going in the house, and whenever my brother and I were left alone with my uncle, he took advantage of that. He would come into my room, leave adult magazines for me, and make me read them. To this day, I still do not understand why he did this. Over time, his behaviour became even worse. He began sexually assaulting both my brother and me. He would touch us and make us do things to him that we did not want to do, and if we refused, he would become aggressive. We were frightened of the consequences, so we felt we had no choice but to do what he told us. Throughout my time there, I never felt cared for or protected. I was neglected and never felt safe. I was made to feel like I was a liar and that nobody had the time or willingness to listen to me. Instead of being believed and protected, I was left feeling completely alone. My experiences during this time have had a lifelong impact on me. I suffer from severe anxiety and struggle with anger issues. I find it very difficult to build close relationships because I constantly overanalyse other people's behaviour and worry about how they will react to anything I say or do. The fear, neglect and lack of safety I experienced as a child continue to affect my daily life.