

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).

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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

Whilst we were in foster care, we were under the responsibility of social services. We were placed there without, in my view, any proper thought or assessment as to whether it was a safe environment for us. Social workers would visit from time to time, but they only ever spoke to my grandmother. They never checked on my brother or me to see if we were safe, happy or being cared for. They only listened to what my grandmother had to say.

Before their visits, my grandmother would make sure we were cleaned up and looked presentable. We would then be told to stay in our rooms while she spoke with the social workers. We were never given the opportunity to speak to them ourselves or tell them what was happening behind closed doors.

I felt completely abandoned by the very people who were supposed to protect me and make sure I was safe. Looking back now, I believe that if we had been given the chance to speak privately to a social worker, things may have been different. At the time, I was terrified to say anything because I feared the consequences. I had also been repeatedly told that I was a liar and had grown up believing that no one would listen to me anyway. Despite that, we were never even given the opportunity to speak. No one ever questioned why we were kept away during the visits or considered that there might be a reason we were not allowed to see the social workers alone.