

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Scott Mcleod

Date of birth

Day 15

Month 10

Year 1968

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).

Dr Guthrie's School (Azets)

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.

1982 - 1984

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 in Dr Guthrie's for two years. I was placed there following a decision made by the assessment centre.

When I first arrived at Guthries, I was placed in a shared dormitory with around 14 other boys. A lot of the time, I tried to keep to myself. There were a few of us who were bullied badly by some of the other boys because we were smaller.

I found the behaviour of some of the staff strange. If anyone did something wrong in the dormitory, we would all be punished for it. The staff would take us outside into the yard and make us run around in the cold and dark while we were still wearing our pyjamas.

I felt as though I was in a borstal or a military camp rather than a place where I was supposed to be cared for. The strict discipline, punishments and the way we were treated made the environment feel intimidating and institutional. Staff would also hit me over the head with solid clog shoes if I did not stand up straight.

If any of us wet the bed during the night, there was only one member of staff working in the evening. We would therefore have to remain in the wet bed until the morning.

During shower time, members of staff would stand at the doors and watch us while we showered. There were four shower cubicles, and the staff would stand there watching us. At the time, I thought this was simply how things were and did not question it. Looking back now, I realise that it was wrong.

While I was at Guthries, I developed scabies. I reported this to the staff, but nothing was done about it at the time. It was not until my mum noticed the condition when she came to visit me that something was finally done. My mum raised it with the staff, and I was then taken to see a doctor.

There were also incidents at the school. If we spoke when we were not supposed to, we could be punished. I remember one particular member of staff who, if I had chewing gum, would forcibly open my mouth with his hands and pull the chewing gum out. He would also smash our heads down onto the desks in front of us.

There was another member of staff who would grab us by the bottom lip and pull us upwards until we were standing on our toes.