

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Lesley West

Date of birth

Day 02

Month 09

Year 1967

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).

Clyde Cottage Dunoon

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.

1967

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 first placed into care at a very young age. My mother struggled with alcoholism, and my father had left her with six children, all under the age of seven. I was the youngest of the six children. I believe that two of my siblings were placed in care with me at this time.

Because of how young I was, I have very few memories of this placement, and much of what I know has been told to me by others. One memory that has remained with me is suffering an injury in which a nail went through my head. I do not know how the injury happened or the circumstances surrounding it. I remember being dressed in a kilt and being taken to hospital for treatment.

My childhood involved repeated periods of being taken into and out of care. My mother had a pattern of taking us out of care, only for us to later end up back in care again. I believe this may have been what happened following this particular placement and may explain why I was moved from there. However, as I was very young at the time, I cannot be certain of the exact circumstances. I have tried to be clear about the difference between the events I personally remember and the information I have subsequently been told about my early childhood. The lack of clear memories makes it difficult for me to provide exact dates or a complete account of what happened during this period of my life.