

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

John Riggins

Date of birth

Day 07

Month 05

Year 1956

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).

Glenochil Young Offenders Institution

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.

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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.

Greer, Davison

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 placed here after being sentenced by the court for a violent offence. I remained there for approximately two months. I understood that I had been sent there to be kept safe, to receive support and to get better. Instead, I left feeling worse than when I arrived. There were three separate houses, and there were competitions between the houses. This added to the pressure we were under. The whole place was run in a very strict, military-style manner, and many of the staff and guards were former military personnel. I felt that we could be punished for almost anything. During my time there, I was regularly subjected to physical violence by members of staff. I was punched, kicked and slapped, and staff would pull my hair. They would also hit us with branches to make us move or work faster. If we did something and the staff decided that it was not to their liking, they would make us do it again. I felt that nothing we did was ever good enough and that there was always the threat of violence if we did not do exactly what they wanted. Punishment was part of everyday life. We were made to scrub tiles using toothbrushes, which I found degrading and humiliating. Extreme physical exercise was also used as punishment. For example, we were required to run a mile every Monday and were expected to improve our time each week. If we failed to beat our previous time, we could be physically assaulted. Another form of punishment involved a high-pressure water hose. The force of the water was extremely powerful, and we had to try to protect ourselves from being badly injured. Staff would also shave our hair if they did not like us or were unhappy with us. In my experience, this would often happen shortly before we were due to be allowed home. I felt that this was deliberately done to embarrass and humiliate us before we returned to our families. The level of violence and injury I witnessed made me constantly afraid for my own safety. I remember people being taken to hospital extremely frequently; it seemed to me that somebody was being taken to hospital every day. I also remember people dying while I was there. Seeing and knowing about these incidents made me frightened that I could be seriously injured or that something even worse could happen to me. I felt that we were punished for everything. I never knew when I might be beaten, humiliated or subjected to another punishment. I lived in constant fear throughout the approximately two months I was there. What is particularly difficult for me is that I had been sent there to be safe and to get better. I expected the people responsible for me to protect and support me. Instead, I became frightened of the very people who were supposed to be looking after me. I did not feel safe, protected or cared for. By the time I left, I felt worse rather than better. My experience there was dominated by fear, violence, punishment and humiliation. I went