

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Theresa McGinley

Date of birth

Day 18

Month 02

Year 1976

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).

Blairvadach Children's Home

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.

1988

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 told social work that my stepdad was physically abusing my mum. However, because he worked for the police, I felt that nothing was done about what I had reported and that the situation was simply ignored. Instead, I was labelled as “unruly” and was taken into care along with my siblings. My behaviour at the time was a result of what I had witnessed and experienced at home, but no one ever seemed to look into the reasons behind it or consider the effect the situation was having on me.

At the time, I attended school in Helensburgh. Despite this, I was placed in a children’s home approximately 40 miles away from my school. At a very young age, I was expected to make this long commute every day so that I could continue attending school.

While I was living in this placement, I took an overdose and was taken to hospital. I was only 14 years old. I was placed on a ward with elderly patients rather than somewhere that I felt was appropriate for a child in such distress.

I eventually ran away from the hospital during the night. I remember being outside alone, walking along a long road in the pitch black. The police eventually found me and took me back to the hospital. As far as I can remember, no one questioned why a 14-year-old child who had just taken an overdose had then run away from hospital, or properly investigated what was happening in my life that had led me to that point.

After I had been in the care placement for nearly a year, my sister took me out and I went to live with her. However, she later got into trouble and blamed me for what had happened. As a result, she sent me back into care.

Throughout this period, I experienced repeated instability and distress, but I do not remember anyone properly looking into the circumstances at home, what I had witnessed, or why I was struggling. Instead, my behaviour appeared to be treated as the problem, without anyone addressing what had caused that behaviour in the first place.