

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).

Glasgow City Council

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.

1989 - 1992

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

My whole experience of being in care was awful. I was moved around far too often and was never given the stability or security that I desperately needed. At the time, it felt as though I had been in the care system for years. I did not feel cared for, protected or supported. I felt that the people responsible for looking after me did not have the skills, understanding or ability to care for me properly or help me with the difficulties I was experiencing. Before I entered care, my family life had already been extremely difficult. I had very little security or stability and was already struggling. I do not feel that my background, experiences or individual needs were properly considered or looked into when decisions were being made about my care. Instead, I felt as though I was simply thrown into the care system, moved from place to place and eventually forgotten about. After I ran away for the final time, my life deteriorated significantly. Before this, I had been completely free from drugs, but I later became addicted to heroin. At only 15 years old, I found myself pregnant and married to a 21-year-old man, and I went on to develop a serious drug addiction. I believe these experiences cannot be separated from the failures in the care and protection I received. I entered the care system as a vulnerable child who needed safety, stability, guidance and support. Instead, I was repeatedly moved, did not feel properly cared for or protected, and ultimately left the system in an even more vulnerable position. I look back now and often think about how different my life might have been if these things had not happened to me. I do not believe my life would have taken the path it did at such a young age if I had received the care, protection and support that I needed. I was still a child. I needed adults and professionals around me who would protect me, recognise how vulnerable I was and help me make sense of everything I had already been through. Instead, I feel that I was failed at a crucial time in my life. By the age of 15, I was pregnant and married to a 21-year-old man, and my life had become affected by heroin addiction. I cannot know exactly how my life would have turned out under different circumstances, but I strongly believe that being properly cared for, protected and supported could have given me a very different start in life. The consequences of what happened during those years did not simply end when I left care; they affected the course of my life afterwards.