

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Jennifer Rae

Date of birth

Day 10

Month 07

Year 1977

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).

Wooddean 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.

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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.

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 then placed at Wooddean. On my first day, another girl asked me to go with her to the train station at the bottom of the road. When I returned, a member of staff screamed at me and told me I was not allowed to leave the building. I later learned that I was on a 21-day section, but this had not been properly explained to me. I was assigned a worker called Linda. She would take me and another girl out, including to her own home, where she would get us alcohol and encourage us to drink. She even took us to the pub. Looking back, this was completely inappropriate. I was a vulnerable teenager and she was a member of staff who was supposed to protect and guide me. Instead, I feel I was encouraged down a damaging path. We once had something like a photoshoot at the home, and I still have the photographs. You can see members of staff smoking around us, which reminds me of the kind of environment we were living in. I was also restrained numerous times, sometimes when I felt I was simply trying to go to bed. I particularly remember a staff member called Robert Davies repeatedly pinning me to the floor. There was also constant shouting and verbal abuse. I felt that staff deliberately tried to humiliate and put me down.

I was bullied about my skin, my appearance and other things about myself. Staff would make comments such as, "What do you even like about yourself?" As a teenage girl, I found this deeply embarrassing and damaging to my confidence. There were also worrying incidents involving other young people. I remember a boy taking younger residents' swimwear and keeping it in his room. We reported this to staff, but as far as I was aware, nothing was done.

I had been placed into care because I was supposed to be protected and supported. Instead, I felt frightened, humiliated and unsupported. I did not receive the care, comfort or stability that I needed at such a vulnerable age. I was eventually moved from Wooddean because the home was being demolished. All of the young people living there were separated and moved to different placements. This meant another major disruption in my life, with little sense of stability or continuity in the care I was receiving.