

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).

Flemington House

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.

1995

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

This placement was awful. Because I was slightly older, I was placed in a flat within the home as part of what they called "independent living." In reality, I felt completely neglected. I was put in the flat and largely left to fend for myself. It was described as support and preparation for independence, but to me it felt like abandonment. I had always struggled to regulate my emotions, but the staff showed very little concern or understanding. Rather than trying to understand why I was struggling, I felt that I was simply labelled as a "bad child." I have since been diagnosed with ADHD, which has helped me understand some of the difficulties I was experiencing at the time. On one occasion, I attempted suicide and had badly cut my arms before falling asleep. When staff found me, rather than responding with care and concern, I remember being called "stupid" and being told it was because I had been drinking.

A man then came into the flat and stitched my arm. I assume he may have been a doctor, but I do not know who he was or what his role was. I was not taken to hospital, and I do not remember receiving any proper medical or emotional aftercare. I still have a severe scar on my arm to this day.

What stays with me most is that, even after something so serious, I felt I was simply left on my own again. There was no meaningful follow-up or additional support that I can remember. At a time when I was clearly extremely vulnerable and struggling, I needed care and intervention, but instead I felt abandoned. I was then nearly 18, so they just threw me out. There was no after care from social services or anything. I ended up in inappropriate relationships, abusing substances and ending up in dangerous situations.