

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Lindsay Owen

Date of birth

Day 11 Month 08 Year 1981

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).

Coul Park 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

Similar to the previous care setting, the main form of abuse I experienced was neglect. I often felt that many of the staff were simply there to do a job and collect a wage, rather than because they genuinely cared about the children they were responsible for.

There was very little sense of emotional support, understanding or compassion. As a child in care, I needed people who would take an interest in me, listen to me and try to understand what I was going through. Instead, I often felt ignored and as though my needs did not really matter.

The lack of genuine care had a lasting effect on me. It reinforced the feeling that I was not important and that the adults who were supposed to look after me were not really interested in my wellbeing. I remember running away from this care setting a lot. A big part of the reason was that some of the people there were horrendous to be around, and I simply did not want to be in that environment.

Running away felt like a way of escaping from a place where I did not feel comfortable, supported or safe. Rather than wanting to stay there, I often felt that getting away was the only option available to me. My mother fought to have me returned home, but she was told that I was safer remaining in the care placements. Despite this, I did not always feel safe or settled there. I would often run away from the placements and, at times, I would hitchhike in an attempt to get away.