

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Theresa Haxton

Date of birth

Day 15

Month 04

Year 1978

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).

Angus 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.

1988-1983

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

Looking back, I should never have been sent back there. Once I returned home, the emotional and physical abuse gradually became worse. As I got older, I was also subjected to sexual abuse and grooming by my stepfather. By the time I was 15, I had experienced years of manipulation and abuse from him. He tried to manipulate me into believing that I wanted the attention he was giving me.

When I was around 11 years old, I remember him lifting up my nightie and touching me near my private area with his penis. On another occasion, when we were away, he deliberately got me drunk. I later woke up to him performing oral sex on me. There was another occasion when my mum sent me away with him in his lorry, as he worked as a lorry driver. He took me to a pub and got me extremely drunk. We then slept in his lorry. I cannot remember everything that happened that night because of how intoxicated I was, but afterwards he told me that he had used a condom. What is particularly difficult for me is knowing that the care system was already aware that I had not been safe at home. I had previously been removed because there was clear evidence of physical abuse, and I had been terrified of returning to my mum. Despite this, I was sent back. I feel that if somebody had properly listened to me and recognised how frightened I was, much of what happened afterwards could have been prevented. When we returned from the final trip in the lorry, my mum did not appear to recognise that I was being abused. Instead, she treated me as though I was competition for my stepfather's attention. We ended up having a serious argument and I eventually snapped after everything that had happened. My mum came towards me with knives and was trying to hurt me. She later claimed that she had done this because she was frightened that I was going to harm myself. At the time, I felt completely surrounded by lies and did not know who I could trust. That night, my stepfather called the police and I was taken back into care. After that, I never returned home.