

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 3**

Additional statement pages

Name

Thomas Tarbett

Date of birth

Day Month Year

Your statement for additional care settings

Please read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance before you begin.

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).

Burnside Care 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.

1981

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.

Ady

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.

Please read page 36 of “Help to apply” to find out more about what information you may want to include.

Your statement for additional care settings

At around eight years old, I was placed in Burnside Care Home, and my first memories there are horrific. From the very first night, I was locked away, and this continued regularly throughout my stay. I spent large amounts of time isolated, which caused severe distress and made me feel like I was going insane. We were not allowed out at weekends or after school, and I do not recall ever having free time or meaningful contact with my family. I was deliberately kept away from my siblings and told that I was unwanted and that nobody wanted to see me. At the time, I did not know whether this was true or lies, but it made me believe I was worthless.

Burnside felt like a real-life prison. It was terrifying and deeply traumatic. I remember a staff member called Ady, who would tell us stories and then threaten us if we spoke up. Staff were abusive, pushed me around, and laughed at me. I was regularly locked away and secluded, which had a severe impact on my mental health.

I was placed in rooms with older children who bullied and physically assaulted me. The staff knew this was happening but did nothing to protect me. Instead, they left me locked in rooms with these older children. Food was provided, but if we did not like it or could not eat it, we were forced to go hungry and sent back to our rooms. I was often extremely hungry and too frightened to ask for anything else because I knew better than to speak up.

I remained at Burnside for several months, close to a year, before being moved again.