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Section 1: Personal details

This information will be used to join together Part 1 and Part 3 of your application forms.

Name

Paul Mcfarlane Mcfarlane

Date of birth

Day Month Year

The next section asks you to write your statement of abuse.

Section 2: Your statement of abuse

Please refer to page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance when filling in this form.

Please make sure that whatever way you provide your statement, you include all the information Redress Scotland needs to make a decision. You can find out more on page 35 of “Help to apply”.

You may find that writing this brings up feelings or memories. If you need support you can speak to a case worker who can refer you to further help:

- **Telephone:** 0808 175 0808 (freephone)
- **International:** +44 131 297 6500
Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm (except Scottish public holidays)
- **Email:** apply@redress-scheme.scot

Providing your statement of abuse

In Part 1, you will have provided information about any relevant care settings you were abused in.

In Part 3, you need to provide a statement about your abuse. You can choose how you want to provide your statement. You can complete Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4. Or you can:

- submit a previous statement (for example, a copy of a statement given to the police)
- write your statement in another format that is better suited to you

How to complete this section

You may have been abused in one relevant care setting, or in several different ones.

For this part of the application form, please provide a statement about each care setting you were abused in.

For example, if you were abused in 3 relevant care settings, please provide 3 statements.

You can do this in any order that makes sense to you.

There are pages for 4 care settings included in this form. If you need more copies, you can:

- contact a case worker
- make a copy yourself
- print additional pages from mygov.scot/redress

Please remember:

- **there are no wrong answers - if Redress Scotland needs more or different information, your case worker will get in touch with you and let you know**
- **do not worry about your spelling**
- **use as much or as little space as you need to give your information - you can continue on additional pages if you want to**

Your statement for Care setting 1

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).

LADYFIELD

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.

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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.

When I moved into Ladyfield, I had already been through more than most people ever see, but nothing prepared me for the eighteen months that followed. I was hoping for stability, maybe even a chance to heal from what I had already experienced. Instead, Ladyfield became another place where I felt unsafe, unheard, and constantly on edge. The abuse there wasn't just physical—it was mental, emotional, and relentless.

From the beginning, the staff made it clear that they held all the power. They spoke to us in ways that chipped away at our confidence, calling us horrible names and treating us like we were less than human. It wasn't discipline; it was cruelty disguised as authority. When they were angry, or even when they simply felt like it, they would become physically aggressive. Being handled roughly became a normal part of daily life. If you reacted, even out of fear, they would restrain you with a level of force that made it hard to breathe. It was terrifying to feel trapped in someone else's grip, knowing they didn't care how much it hurt.

The emotional pressure was just as heavy. Every day felt like walking through a minefield, never knowing what would set someone off. The staff's words stayed with me long after the moments passed. They made me question my worth, my identity, and whether I deserved any kindness at all. It's hard to explain how damaging it is when the people responsible for your care treat you like a burden.

The other pupils weren't always safe to be around either. Some of them lashed out physically, and I became a target more than once. When I tried to defend myself, I was the one who got punished. It didn't matter what actually happened; the staff had already decided who they believed and who they didn't. That imbalance made me feel even more powerless. It was like the rules were designed to keep me silent.

What made everything worse was the environment itself. Ladyfield didn't feel like a place for support or rehabilitation. It felt like a place where vulnerable young people were left exposed to adults who shouldn't have been anywhere near them. The atmosphere was unsafe in ways that went beyond the day to day mistreatment. It felt like a breeding ground for people who wanted to take advantage of power and vulnerability. Even as a young person, I could sense that something was deeply wrong.

Looking back, I can see how much those eighteen months affected me. I learned to stay quiet, to shrink myself, to anticipate danger even when none was visible. But I also learned something else: that what happened to me was not my fault. The adults who hurt me were responsible for their actions, not me. Telling my story now is part of reclaiming the voice they tried to silence. I survived Ladyfield, and speaking the truth about it is one way I remind myself that I deserved safety, respect, and care all along.

Your statement for Care setting 2

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Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

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Q2 | When were you abused?
For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

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?
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Your statement for Care setting 3

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Your statement for Care setting 4

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Do you want help
with this section?

If you want help before sending in the form, you can:

- read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance
- contact a case worker

The next section has questions about your supporting documents.

Section 3: Supporting documents

Please provide any supporting documents you have related to your abuse in care.

You can find out more about these types of documents on page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance.

In some cases, it may be difficult to find supporting documents. To help with this part of the application, you can:

- include supporting documents when you send this part of the form, if you already have them
- send in your form without any supporting documents – your case worker will get in touch with you and have a conversation about what you can provide

Please tick which option you have chosen:

- I am including supporting documents with my form
- I am not including supporting documents
(if you tick this, a case worker will contact you)
- I am collecting my documents and will submit them a later date

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The next section has a declaration you must sign and details about how your information is kept and shared.

Section 4: Declaration and privacy notice

In this section, you must sign your form.

For information about how Scotland's Redress Scheme will record and protect your personal information, please read the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme. You can find this on mygov.scot/redress.

Before you send your application you must agree to these statements:

I confirm that the details and information I have given in this application form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that I must notify Scotland's Redress Scheme of changes in my circumstances that may affect my application.

I confirm that if any of the information I gave in Part 1, Section 8 (related to previous payments and convictions) changes, I must let my case worker know.

I confirm that any documents I have provided in support of my application are genuine and any copy is a true copy of the original. I understand that if I provide a document which is not genuine, I may be subject to court proceedings.

I understand that if I give false or misleading information in support of my application or make a fraudulent application I may:

- be subject to court proceedings
- have to re-pay any money I was not entitled to

I confirm I have read and understood the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme which explains how the information I provide will be lawfully used and stored.

Your signature

Date

Next steps

This is the end of Part 3. You do not need to submit your forms all at once. Once you are ready, you can submit your forms by email.

Afterwards, a case worker will contact you to confirm:

- they have received your application
- if they have any follow up questions
- next steps

By email

Please submit your application and any relevant documents to:

[**apply@redress-scheme.scot**](mailto:apply@redress-scheme.scot)

If you would like to contact a case worker

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