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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

Kym Anderson

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).

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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.

1990-1993

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.

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

See Attached

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?

(For example, the name of the care home, or the city or region where you lived in foster care or while boarded out).

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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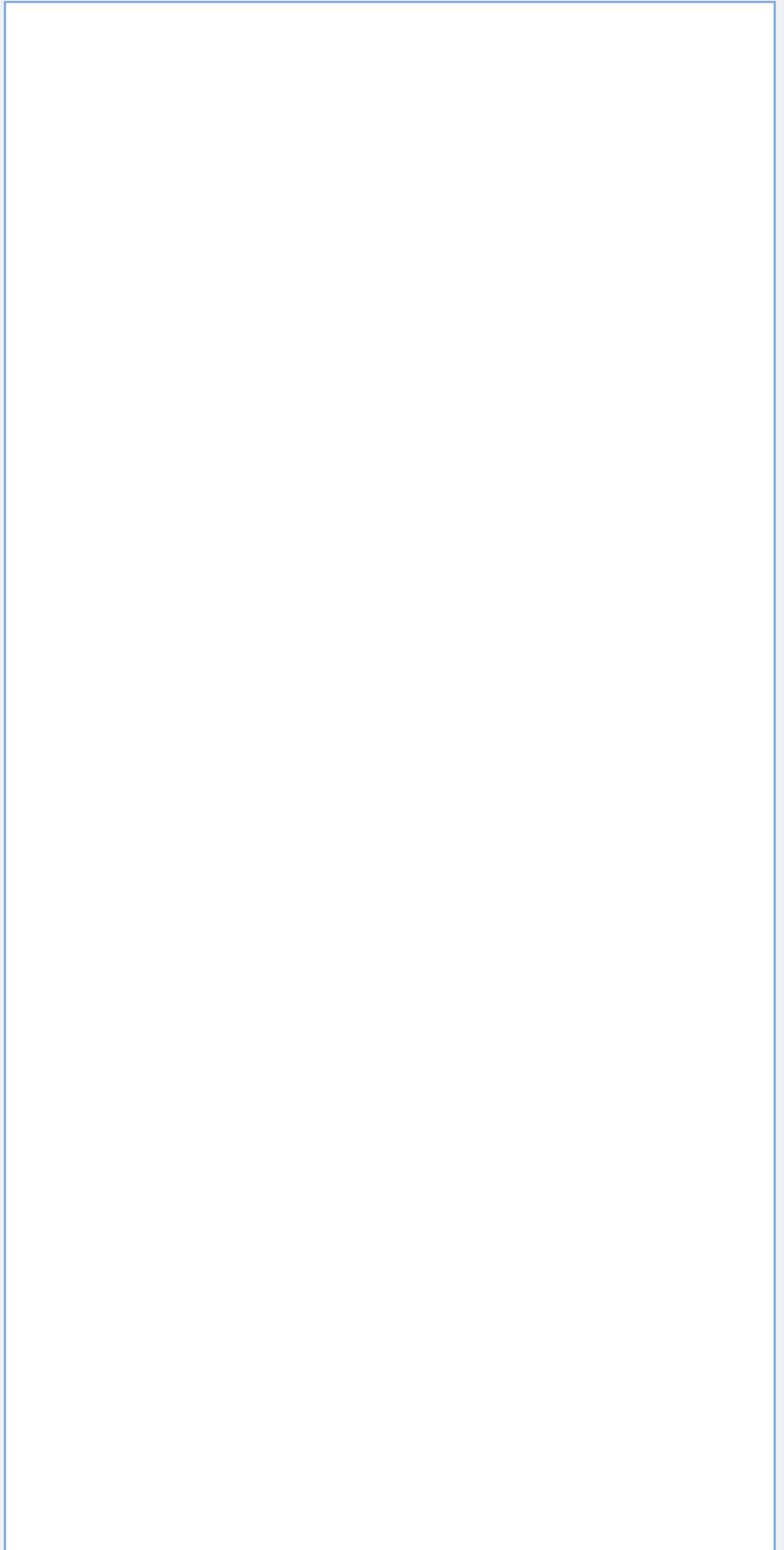
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Your statement for Care setting 3

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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).

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Q2 | When were you abused?
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Your statement for Care setting 4

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

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Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

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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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with this section?

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- read page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance
- contact a case worker

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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Statement Addendum

Client Name: Kym Anderson
Date of Birth: 25/01/1986
Care Setting: RTHFIELD YTC YOUNG PERSON UNIT – NORTHFIELD – EDIGNBURGH
Dates: 1990-1993
Persons Involved:

Full Statement

I was taken away from my home at a very young age. I remember feeling completely unwanted, discarded and confused. My brother and I were removed from our other siblings, separated from the only sense of familiarity we had, and placed into Northfield YTC Young Person Unit in Edinburgh.

I was very young, vulnerable and emotional. I did not understand why I had been chosen to be taken away. No one sat me down. No one explained what was happening. No one comforted me. I was left feeling frightened, abandoned and completely alone. From the moment I arrived, I felt terrified.

The abuse started almost immediately.

I was verbally abused and physically abused by staff members. I remember a staff member called Anne Jay – she had long curly hair. There was also an older man called Danny. He was vicious and aggressive. He would call us over and restrain us violently. I remember my arms being bent painfully up behind my back. I remember being dragged down corridors to my room. I remember being thrown in, attacked, and the door being locked behind me.

We were locked in our rooms for long periods of time. I was locked in my room so often that it became a prison within a prison. I remember one time everything was taken from my room. All I was left with was a mattress. No belongings. No comfort. No distraction. Just walls and silence. I was locked in there all day with nothing. I felt stripped not only of possessions but of dignity and identity.

Family visits were often stopped. I later understood this was because I was covered in bruises. Instead of protecting me, they isolated me further. I was denied the comfort of seeing my family because of the visible evidence of what they were doing to me. That made me feel even more voiceless and powerless.

There was clear favouritism among the children. Some were singled out for mistreatment while others were treated as favourites. I was not a favourite. I was a victim.

Two girls, Laura and Robin, were allowed to bully and physically assault me. They beat me up. They pushed me. They called me names. They spent my pocket money. The unit allowed them to do this. Staff stood by and did nothing. I felt humiliated and degraded. I felt worthless, as though I deserved it.

We were controlled in every possible way. Food was restricted. The kitchen was locked, and we were not allowed to access food ourselves. We were given two meals a day. If we did not eat at those times, we went to bed hungry. There was no supper. Hunger became normal. It was another way of controlling us.

The staff supervised me while I showered. They stood there watching. It was degrading and humiliating. I felt ashamed, exposed and powerless.

I was forced to buy my own laundry products out of my pocket money. Because other children were allowed to spend my money and because I had to use what little I had on essentials, I never had any money to take part in activities or feel included. I was locked away most of the time anyway. Access to common areas like the sitting room was often blocked. I was secluded, isolated and emotionally breaking down.

The restraints were violent. Staff would hold you up by your hands and legs. I remember the pain in my arms and shoulders. I remember feeling like I had no control over my own body. One time it was so unbearable that I kicked a hole in the wall of my bedroom in desperation, trying to get out. I remember that room clearly. I remember the hole. I believe it would still be there now. I was locked away for days.

Staff would take us to the post office and garage at the top of the street to get cigarettes. They provided cigarettes and used them as tools of manipulation. They played children against each other, buying cigarettes for favourites, creating jealousy and division which led to more fighting. It was toxic and intentional.

When children came from respite placements, we were beaten and warned to be on our best behaviour. We were told not to say what was happening inside. We were silenced. We were threatened. We were controlled through fear.

I remember a little boy who wet the bed. Instead of helping him, they beat him and humiliated him. They embarrassed him in front of others. This kind of cruelty was a daily occurrence. Staff would laugh at us, mock us, belittle us. They would encourage other children they favoured to join in. I was constantly singled out. Constantly picked on. Constantly made to feel small.

By the time I was older, I was a shell of a person. I stayed there until I was 16 years old. I left not healed, not supported, not prepared for life — but broken.

The long-term impact of what I experienced at Northfield YTC has been devastating.

I have suffered from eating disorders. Food was used as control in that unit, and my relationship with food has never been normal since. I have experienced suicidal thoughts in the past. I have lived with chronic anxiety that affects my daily functioning. I have been diagnosed with PTSD and Bipolar Type 1. I experience flashbacks, intrusive memories, emotional instability and overwhelming fear responses.

I struggle to build relationships. I do not trust people. Authority figures trigger fear in me. I expect betrayal. I expect harm. I struggle with intimacy and emotional safety. I am hypervigilant. I am easily overwhelmed. My nervous system feels permanently on edge.

The abuse I endured — the physical violence, the humiliation, the starvation, the isolation, the emotional cruelty — has ruined parts of my life. It has shaped my identity, my mental health, my self-worth and my ability to feel safe in the world.

I was a child who needed protection. Instead, I was terrorised, controlled and degraded.

The impact of what happened to me in Northfield YTC has stayed with me for life.