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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

James Comrie

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).

The Royal Scottish National Hospital was a psychiatric institution situated in Leith

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.

1961- 1979

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 staff and children

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

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).

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.

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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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
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You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

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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).

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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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
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You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

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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?

(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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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
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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

Do you want help
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: James Comrie
Date of Birth: 21/01/1961
Care Setting: he Royal Scottish National Hospital was a psychiatric institution situated in Larbert (today in Falkirk council area),
Dates: 1961- 1979
Persons Involved: The staffand childrne

Full Statement

From as early as I can remember, I was taken away from my family and placed into this institution. I believe I was there from birth or from a very young age. My memories from when I was extremely young are sometimes vague, but there are certain memories, moments, and experiences that I will never forget. These memories have stayed with me my entire life and still affect me deeply to this day.

Growing up in that institution was extremely confusing and frightening. I was never comforted by any of the staff. No one ever explained to me what was happening or why I was there. As a young child I felt completely alone, frightened, and abandoned. I remember struggling from a very young age to understand what was happening around me. There was no kindness, no reassurance, and no emotional support.

One of the memories that has stayed with me was when the staff would give me injections that made me feel strange and confused. After being injected, I remember being forced to sit in a box for days at a time. I was very young and did not understand what they were doing to me. I remember feeling scared, disoriented, and helpless.

While I was in that institution, I suffered serious abuse from members of staff. I experienced mental abuse, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. This abuse happened repeatedly. It was not a single event but something that happened regularly while I lived there. I remember many of the staff members and the things they did.

Education in the institution was also very poor. They allowed me to attend school, but the school was within the grounds of the institution and the education provided was not proper or adequate. Because of this, I struggled greatly. Even now as an adult I cannot properly read or write and I struggle to speak clearly at times. I have learning difficulties, and I believe this is directly because of the lack of proper education and support I received while I was in that institution.

The punishments we received were extremely cruel. Staff would beat us badly, sometimes leaving us black and blue. We were often locked in rooms for long periods of time. If we became upset, angry, or distressed, the staff would inject us again. There was also a padded room with no windows where we would be placed as punishment. Being locked inside there was terrifying. I remember feeling trapped, helpless, and completely alone.

The sexual abuse I experienced happened often. Some of the staff who abused us would also be the ones bathing us and caring for us, which made it even more confusing and frightening as a child. I had no way to escape it and no one I could safely tell.

I remember one staff member called Irene. She sexually abused me many times. She forced me to have sex with her when she was working. She would pretend to be my girlfriend while doing this. I was a child and I did not understand what was happening, but I knew it was wrong and it made me feel frightened and ashamed.

Another staff member I remember was Sister Snow. She was very demanding and violent. She would beat us regularly and push us around. If we refused to do what she told us, she would punish us severely. Sometimes she would put me in what they called the "boo room," which had no windows. I was kept in there for three or four days at a time. Sometimes I was left there with little or no food. The staff labelled me as a bad child, but in reality I was just a frightened and traumatised child who did not understand what was happening.

Family visits were also used against me. Sometimes my auntie and uncle would come and pick me up and take me out for the weekend. These visits were the only thing that gave me hope and something to look forward to. However, the staff would often threaten to stop these visits if I did not behave the way they wanted. This made me feel powerless and scared because I knew they could take away the only connection I had with family.

One of the most traumatic memories I carry with me is about another boy who was in the institution with me. He was in a wheelchair and the staff would not help him. They neglected him badly and left him sitting in his own urine and faeces. They treated him without dignity or care. I remember witnessing how badly he was treated, and it was deeply upsetting. Eventually he took his own life in front of me. Witnessing this has stayed with me for the rest of my life and it is something I will never forget.

These experiences have had a devastating and lifelong impact on me. I am a very emotional person because of what I went through. I still struggle today with speaking, reading, and writing. I suffer from nightmares and flashbacks where I relive what happened to me in that institution. I have been diagnosed with severe PTSD and anxiety, and these conditions affect my daily life.

Even now, many years later, I still carry the trauma with me. I often feel overwhelmed by memories of the abuse and the fear I experienced as a child. Simple things can trigger memories and cause panic or distress. Because of what happened to me, I have struggled throughout my entire life.

My wife has been with me for 23 years, and she has seen first-hand how these experiences have affected

me. She has seen my nightmares, my anxiety, and the way I struggle with daily life because of the trauma I carry. She knows that the abuse I suffered has never left me.

The reality is that my whole life has been shaped and affected by what happened to me in that institution. I lost my childhood. I was denied proper care, protection, and education. Instead, I experienced fear, violence, and abuse from the people who were supposed to look after me.

The impact of this has been lifelong. I continue to struggle with my mental health, my confidence, my education, and my ability to live a normal life. The trauma I experienced as a child has followed me into adulthood and continues to affect me every day.

What happened to me has had a devastating effect on my life, and it is something I will carry with me forever.