

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Robert Davidson

Date of birth

Day 16 Month 04 Year 1961

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).

Ardoch House

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.

1975

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

Given the passage of time, it is difficult for me to fully recall everything that happened during my time in care. At this stage, I can only provide the limited memories that I currently have. Once my solicitor has obtained my care records, I will be able to review them, which I hope will help refresh my memory. I will then be in a better position to provide a more detailed and accurate witness statement in support of my application.

It was like a dormitory with lots of different people living there. It never felt personal or like a family environment, it just felt like somewhere we were all kept together.

The staff were very verbally aggressive. They showed no compassion or understanding and were always shouting at us. Punishment was used all the time. If you had done something wrong, or they decided you deserved to be punished, they would send you to bed at 6pm and lock you in your room. You were not allowed to come back out. I also remember being slapped around the head a few times as a form of punishment. I felt neglected and did not feel cared for while I was there.

As soon I was 16 they couldn't hold me anymore so they I had to leave. I was left to fend for myself with no further support or care. I was also moved around all the time. Just as I was getting used to one place, I would be moved again. There was never any stability or consistency in my life.

The impact this has had on me has been awful. My life since leaving care has been very difficult. I have barely any memories of my childhood because I have blacked so much of it out. The little I do remember is that it was an awful time in my life, and those experiences have stayed with me.

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