

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Frank Wotherspoon

Date of birth

Day 23

Month 02

Year 1973

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).

Glasgow

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.

1973 - 1982

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

My mum struggled with serious mental health problems throughout my childhood. During periods when she became unwell, my siblings and I would be removed from her care because it was considered unsafe for us to remain at home. However, these removals were often only temporary. As soon as professionals believed my mum was well enough, we would be returned home, even though the problems that had led to our removal had never truly been resolved.

Our home life was chaotic and unstable. There was heavy drinking, neglect, and very little care or supervision. Social workers were aware of the conditions we were living in and knew what life was like at home. Despite this, we were repeatedly returned to the same environment, only to be removed again when things deteriorated. This cycle continued throughout my childhood.

Because of this constant instability, I was moved in and out of care wherever a bed was available. I was placed in different homes with little consistency or security, never knowing where I would be living or how long I would be staying. My education suffered as I was frequently in and out of school, making it difficult to settle, build friendships, or keep up with my learning.

Growing up in this constant cycle of being removed and returned left me feeling unwanted, insecure, and confused. I never had the stability or protection that a child needs, and I was left feeling as though no one was willing to break the pattern, despite professionals knowing the circumstances we were living in.

Since then, I have started working with young people in care to try and support them. Through that work, I have come to realise that none of what happened to me was ever my fault. As a child, I had done nothing wrong, and I did not deserve the way I was treated. It has taken me many years to understand that.

The abuse and trauma had a devastating impact on all of us. My family has never truly recovered from what we experienced. One of my brothers turned to violence and was later killed during a fight. Another brother struggled with the lasting effects of his experiences and tragically took his own life. These losses have reinforced just how deeply the trauma of our childhood affected each of us in different ways.

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