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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

William Moffat

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).

Liberton assessment center, Edinburgh

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.

1973-73

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.

Your statement for Care setting 1 continued

During my time in that home, I was severely beaten on three separate occasions. One of the moments that has stayed with me the most was my birthday. Instead of any kind of kindness or acknowledgement, a member of staff punched me and told me that was my “present.” I remember feeling shocked, confused, and deeply hurt. It made me realise very quickly that this was not a safe place for me.

I eventually escaped because I was too scared to stay there any longer. It was my first time in care, and everything felt overwhelming. I didn't understand why I was being treated that way, and the fear became too much to cope with. I still have very bad memories of that place. I was only supposed to be there for an assessment, but I ended up staying for two months, and those two months felt incredibly long.

I remember being beaten badly, left bruised from being hit with a stick and a cane. The physical pain was one thing, but the emotional impact was just as heavy. I was constantly told to shut up, and I wasn't allowed to make friends. That isolation made me feel invisible and unwanted. It was as if any attempt to connect with someone or express myself was seen as something that needed to be punished.

Every morning, I had to stand at the end of my bed. Some mornings, they made me stand there for a very long time. I never knew how long it would last, and the uncertainty made me anxious before the day had even begun. When it came time to get changed for sports, I would get hit on the back of my head and across my back. Those moments made me dread even the simplest routines.

Looking back, I can see how much these experiences affected me. The fear, the physical pain, the constant control, and the emotional neglect have stayed with me throughout my life. Even now, the memories come back with a heaviness that is hard to put into words. Speaking about it is difficult, but it is also a way of acknowledging what I went through and how deeply it shaped me.

If you'd like, I can adjust the tone—more formal, more emotional, or tailored for a specific purpose such as a legal statement, therapy, or personal documentation.

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).

Midfield House Young Peoples Centre, Midlothain

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.

1974-1976

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:

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When I first went to this home, I actually thought it seemed okay. For the first few days, nothing felt too alarming, and I tried to settle in as best as I could. But that changed very quickly. A few members of staff started to show their authority, and it became clear that I wasn't safe there. The one person whose name I still remember is a man called Big David. He stood out because he was the one who beat me up. I remember him hitting me in the face with his knee, and the shock and pain of that moment has stayed with me ever since. It was the first time I realised just how vulnerable I was in that place.

I had no one to visit me at all. There was no family coming through the doors, no one checking on me, and no one I felt I could tell about the abuse. That loneliness made everything feel worse. I felt trapped, like whatever happened to me would stay hidden because there was no one to speak up for me.

My social worker, Robin, would come in from time to time. He was the only person I had any contact with from outside the home. He tried to help me in some ways, but when it came to the abuse, nothing really changed. I don't think he fully understood what was happening, or maybe he didn't know how to deal with it. Either way, I was left to cope with everything on my own.

Looking back, I can see how much those experiences affected me. I was young, scared, and completely alone in a place where the people who were supposed to care for me were the ones hurting me. The fear I felt during that time has stayed with me throughout my life. I still remember the feeling of being constantly on edge, waiting for something bad to happen, because that was the environment I lived in every day.

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).

Wellington farm school for boys, Penicuik, Midlothian, Scotland

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.

1977-1980

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 continued

In this home, the two people I remember most clearly were Charlie Cochran and Thomas Moffat. They were teachers, and they were the ones who beat me regularly. Their names have stayed with me because of the fear and pain I associated with them. I never knew when it would happen, only that it would. Living with that constant uncertainty made every day feel heavy and frightening.

I escaped from this place around five times. Each time I ran, I had nowhere to go, but the fear of staying felt even worse. I was desperate for safety, desperate for someone to help me, but every time I was returned, the beatings got worse. Eventually, I stopped trying to escape because I couldn't face the punishment that came afterwards. Giving up on running wasn't because I felt safe—it was because I felt defeated.

I only ever had friends within the care system. I had no outside friends, no family to visit me, and no one checking in to see if I was okay. That kind of loneliness is hard to describe. It made me feel like I didn't exist outside those walls, like the world had forgotten about me. The only connections I had were with other children who were going through their own struggles, and even those friendships were limited by the rules and the constant supervision.

I think about those times every single day. The memories come back whether I want them to or not. I often find myself thinking about the things I would change if I could go back in time—how I might have protected myself, or what I would have said if I'd had the courage or the support. But the truth is, I was just a child, and I didn't have the power to change anything.

I have no real memories from my childhood outside of the care system. The only picture I have of myself from that time is one taken when I was arrested. It's painful to realise that the only visual reminder of my childhood is tied to fear and trauma rather than anything positive.

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).

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

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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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- 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

Please use these details to contact a case worker:

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