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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

Tonie Cullen

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).

Foster Care Glasgow Council

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.

2002-2006

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.

William Wilson / Mary Wilson

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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.

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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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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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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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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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: Tonie Cullen
Date of Birth: 11/12/1991
Care Setting: Foster Care Glasgow Council
Dates: 2002-2006
Persons Involved: William Wilson / Mary Wilson

Full Statement

I was placed in and out of care from a very young age. My memories from early childhood are vague and fragmented, but I clearly remember instability, fear, and not feeling safe. When I was around eight years old, my mother died. Her death devastated me. I was still a child and did not understand how to process such a huge loss. Instead of being comforted and protected, my life became even more traumatic.

After my mum died, I was sexually abused and physically beaten in my father's home. I was living in fear and confusion. There was no protection for me, no guidance, and no one I could trust. I felt completely powerless.

When I was 11 years old, I was removed from my father's care and placed into foster care with Mr William (Billy) Wilson and Mrs Mary Wilson (maiden name Mishlick). They lived in the Seagate area of Irvine, and their home was in Castle Place. I remained in their care until I turned 16 years old.

Being placed there was one of the worst periods of my life. I had already been abused at home, and instead of receiving care, understanding, or support, I felt like I was simply dumped there without explanation. No one helped me process what had happened to me. No one explained what was going on. I was a traumatised child placed into a house where I felt unwanted from the beginning.

From early on, I was secluded and isolated. I was frequently sent to my bedroom and kept there away from the rest of the family. I was not included in normal family life. I could hear them downstairs laughing, enjoying themselves, especially on summer days, while I was locked in my room. There was no playtime, no free time, no sense of belonging. I was given chores and then sent straight back to my room. It felt like a punishment just existing there.

While living there, I met another girl, Chloe Muir, who was younger than me. We became very close. We were like sisters. We protected each other because we both experienced the same seclusion and exclusion. We were kept separate from the rest of the household and treated differently from the Wilsons' biological children.

Mr and Mrs Wilson had twin sons, Craig Wilson and Darren Wilson. They made it clear that we were not their real family. We were constantly reminded that we did not belong. They would not include us in activities and would laugh at us. We were singled out and treated as outsiders. Mr and Mrs Wilson witnessed this behaviour and allowed it to continue. Looking back now, I question whether they encouraged that treatment towards us.

Food was used as control. Many times, Chloe and I were sent to bed hungry. We were not given proper meals. Some days we were denied food completely. Other times, we were made to eat leftovers with no choice. We were children and we were starving. We had no control and no voice.

We were often locked in our bedroom away from the rest of the family. It felt like imprisonment. Even during holidays, birthdays, and Christmas, we were not treated as part of the family. We were made to sit separately and watch them open presents, celebrate, and act like a happy family while we were excluded. As a child, that emotional rejection cut deeply. I felt unwanted, invisible, and worthless.

There was also neglect in basic care. I did not have proper clothing. I wore the same

ill-fitting clothes repeatedly, including underwear. I was not properly taught hygiene. When I once asked Mrs Wilson for help regarding hygiene, she made me feel stupid and ashamed. After that, she began calling me "a bitch." Mr Wilson called me "a slut." I was subjected to vile and degrading names daily. The name-calling was constant. I was mocked, tormented, and humiliated.

If I tried to stand up for myself or asked them to stop, Mr Wilson would restrain me physically. The restraints were painful and left me in physical pain for days afterwards. I was frightened of him. I learned quickly that speaking up led to punishment. So I stopped speaking. I stayed in my room to avoid confrontation.

They would threaten me regularly. They would tell me that if I did not stay in my room and keep quiet, I would be sent back home to be abused again, or placed with another family who would treat me even worse. As a child who had already experienced abuse, those threats terrified me. I felt blackmailed and constantly frightened. I believed them. I felt trapped.

There was no emotional support. No affection. No reassurance. No sense of safety. I was already traumatised from sexual and physical abuse before entering foster care, and instead of being helped to heal, I was further neglected, emotionally abused, isolated, starved, humiliated, and physically restrained.

The cumulative impact of this abuse has affected me throughout my life.

I have struggled severely with my mental health. I suffer from anxiety and symptoms consistent with post-traumatic stress. I experience intrusive memories, emotional triggers, and difficulty trusting people. I have always felt different, damaged, and unworthy. I struggle with feelings of rejection and abandonment. I find it difficult to form healthy attachments because I learned from a young age that adults who were meant to protect me could not be trusted.

I often feel hyper-vigilant and on edge. Raised voices or conflict can trigger intense anxiety. I have experienced low self-esteem for most of my life due to being called degrading names such as “bitch” and “slut” when I was just a child. Those words stayed with me. They shaped how I saw myself.

The isolation I experienced has made me withdrawn at times. I struggle socially and often feel like an outsider, even now. I carry deep feelings of shame that began in that household. I have never fully felt safe or secure.

Being abused at home after my mother’s death and then experiencing further abuse and neglect in foster care has left lasting psychological scars. Instead of being protected, I was retraumatized in a system that was meant to safeguard me.

I was a vulnerable child who needed safety, care, and understanding. Instead, I experienced seclusion, hunger, humiliation, threats, restraint, and emotional cruelty. These experiences have had a lifelong impact on my mental health and wellbeing, and I have never been the same since.