

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 3**

Additional statement pages

Name

John Welsh

Date of birth

Day Month Year

Your statement for additional care settings

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).

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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.

1978

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.

Please read page 36 of “Help to apply” to find out more about what information you may want to include.

Your statement for additional care settings

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It was referred to as the shock sharp treatment – a place where everyone was messed around. Army style. The verbal abuse here was unparalleled. Left right, left right, with occasional slaps and kicks from the staff, but we just accepted it as normal, even though it shouldn't have been. We were given a pot to use overnight, and if we needed to go to the toilet, we had to use it. You definitely didn't want to use the pot because of the smell it created in your room overnight. We called them shite bombs, wrapped them in newspaper, and threw them out the window. The PO announced that someone had defecated in a jug and thrown it out the window, so he cleaned it and made tea in it, meaning you were drinking your tea from that. The next day, people had to pick it up and clean it up. Reflecting on all this brings me down. After spending 30 years in the system, which as a child it began in care homes, it felt like being in prison, I believe it all traces back to my upbringing. I ended up using hard drugs, specifically heroin, in 1979, and now I'm on methadone. I've struggled with mental health issues throughout my life, and my relationships have been significantly affected by the situations I've found myself in. My circle of friends who used drugs has diminished, as I've lost many to overdoses. I used drugs to escape reality, and heroin became a crutch, providing a false sense of happiness. Looking back now, I realize it was all an illusion. I wake up feeling depressed and socially awkward, and it all ties back to these experiences, interfering with everything in my life. I struggled with emotions because showing weakness was not an option in those places. These places were like universities of crime; the care system failed and backfired on its intended purpose. I don't know how to express my emotions. I feel broken, and I'm doing my best to mend it all.