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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

Helen Andrews

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).

St Francis orphanage 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.

1973-1975

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.

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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.

I still remember the feeling of walking into St Francis Orphanage in Scotland for the first time. I was just a child, already carrying more fear than anyone my age should have known, and I hoped it would be a place where I could finally feel safe. Instead, it became the place where I learned what it meant to be controlled, punished, and ignored by the very people who were supposed to protect me.

At St Francis, the staff treated us like we were problems to be managed rather than children to be cared for. They forced us to go to midnight mass, even though many of us weren't religious, and then dragged us out of bed at 7am to do chores. We weren't allowed to wear shoes in the house, no matter how cold the floors were. Punishments were handed out for no reason at all. I remember being made to stand in the corner for hours at a time, my legs aching, my back stiff, my mind racing with confusion because I hadn't done anything wrong. None of us had.

The staff would restrain us, push us, and hit us without provocation. They acted as though our fear was an inconvenience to them. When I fell or got hurt, they barely looked at me. They'd wash my leg, send me to bed, and that was the end of it. There was no comfort, no care, no sense that I mattered. I learned to keep quiet, to shrink myself, to hope each day would pass without incident.

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).

Carline 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.

1977-1983

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 moved to Carline House, I thought maybe things would get better. I carried this tiny hope that a new place might mean new people, people who actually cared. Instead, the cruelty just changed shape. The staff there didn't bother to hide their disdain for us. It was in their voices, their expressions, the way they looked at us as though we were burdens rather than children who needed support.

One of the staff members would sit on me, pinning me down so I couldn't move. I remember the panic rising in my chest, the way my breath would catch because I couldn't breathe properly. It wasn't discipline. It wasn't guidance. It was power—raw, unnecessary, and terrifying. They kept us locked inside for long stretches of time, as if isolation was a normal part of childhood. Food was restricted, handed out like a reward rather than a basic need. If you weren't perfectly behaved, if you so much as annoyed the wrong person, you simply didn't get fed at tea time. It was shocking how easily they justified it, how routine it became for them.

They weren't caregivers—they were people collecting wages, nothing more. Their indifference cut just as deeply as their actions. Being hungry, scared, and trapped became normal. I learned to anticipate disappointment, to expect punishment, to brace myself for whatever came next. I stopped hoping for kindness because hope only made the hurt sharper.

Living in Carline House taught me to shrink myself even further, to stay quiet, to avoid drawing attention. I watched other children go through the same things, all of us trying to navigate a world where the adults in charge seemed determined to break us down rather than build us up. The emotional coldness in that place was constant, like a fog you couldn't escape.

Looking back, I can see how wrong it all was. No child should ever have to earn food, safety, or compassion. No child should be made to feel powerless in a place meant to protect them. What happened there wasn't care—it was neglect and control disguised as authority. And even though those experiences shaped me, they didn't define my worth. I survived them, and that matters.

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).

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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?
For example: a member of staff, a peer or someone outside the care setting.

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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?

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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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- read page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance
- 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

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