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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

George Finnie

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).

arden prior in castlemilk glasgow care home

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.

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 have been in and out of care since basically birth. My early memories are very vague, and I cannot remember all of the places I was placed in when I was very young. I know I moved around a lot and never had any stability. It wasn't until I was around 10 years old that I realised I was living in a place called Arden Care Home in Castlemilk, Glasgow.

From the moment I arrived at Arden, the abuse started. The staff were nasty towards me. They pushed me about, bullied me, and called me names. I was treated badly on a daily basis. Staff would drag me into rooms and lock me away on my own. I was isolated and secluded, and food was often withheld as punishment. The abuse here was mostly mental and emotional, but it was extremely frightening. Being locked away, picked on, and bullied by the very people who were meant to care for me made me feel worthless and unwanted.

The other children bullied me as well, especially because I was younger than them. They picked on me and made fun of me because I didn't have my mum. I remember feeling completely alone and helpless.

While I was living at Arden, I was fostered out to a family for a few days. During that time, I was involved in a serious car accident. I was taken to hospital with a broken arm and a broken jaw. The foster father died instantly in the crash. I was in hospital for six weeks. I was in a very bad state, physically and mentally. This happened just after my birthday, which makes the memory even more painful. After I was discharged from hospital, I was sent straight back to Arden Care Home, where nothing had changed. I stayed at Arden until I was about 12 years old

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).

Grice Children’s Home in Bridge of Weir

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

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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I was then moved and placed in Grice Children's Home in Bridge of Weir, where I remained for around two and a half years, from the age of 12 to 15. I have very bad memories from Grice, and this was one of the worst periods of my life.

At Grice, we were given no proper education. We were kept secluded and isolated. We were not allowed to play or have fun like normal children. The staff deliberately tried to turn us against each other whenever they could. I was bullied again, constantly. Food was very limited, and if you were "naughty" or talked back, you were punished by being denied food and sent to bed hungry. This happened to me many times.

The staff screamed directly in my face, grabbed me, and dragged me down corridors. They slapped me across the head, ordered me about, laughed at me, pushed me, and deliberately tormented me. I was made to feel small and powerless. I was kept away from my siblings, which caused me a lot of distress. At the same time, staff allowed my sibling to go out the back for a smoke with them, even though we were far too young. The rules were inconsistent and unfair, and they used this to control and confuse us.

Most weekends, my time away was taken from me, and I was locked away as punishment. The staff would deliberately embarrass me in front of the other children. They would encourage us to fight each other for their own entertainment and would stand back and watch instead of stopping it. If you asked the staff a question, they would moan, groan, and make you feel like a nuisance. We were forced to raise ourselves. Grice felt like a prison.

The staff clearly had favourites. Some children were allowed out and treated better, while others, including me, were targeted. They played us off against each other constantly. I lived in fear every day. I was terrorised in Grice until I was 15 years old.

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?

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Jailsland in Ayrshire

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.

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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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

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Your statement for Care setting 3 continued

I was moved again and placed in Jailsland in Ayrshire, where I stayed until I was 17. I was transferred there suddenly and without warning. My first memories of Jailsland are of being threatened. This place felt like a young offenders institution rather than a care setting. I was terrified of the people around me and completely out of my depth.

Here, I was subjected to serious physical abuse. I would have my trousers pulled down and be hit six times with a leather belt on my bare backside. This happened regularly. The other children were much older and felt like adults to me. They bullied me daily, pushed me around, and hit me. The staff allowed this to happen and did nothing to protect me. I was completely alone.

Some children were allowed to go home, but staff reminded me daily that I would be staying because I had nowhere else to go. This was deeply hurtful and reinforced that I was unwanted. Food was provided, but if I didn't like it, I was sent to bed hungry again. Staff screamed at us until they were blue in the face. They acted like police officers, bullying and controlling me constantly. I was ordered to march instead of walk. The leather belt was used for almost any punishment.

I was left with massive scars and marks all over my back and backside. Staff assisted us to the showers. They didn't watch us, but they would talk to us, and if we didn't respond, we were punished. When restraining me, they used excessive force, which caused pain and fear. The place was run like the military. I had to hand wash my clothes, iron them daily, and lay them out on my bed exactly as instructed.

I never had a normal childhood. I lived in constant fear and humiliation. By the time I left at 17, my mental health was in a very bad state. I felt like my life was over before it had even begun. I was struggling severely, but no one cared or offered support.

After this, I was placed into another foster care family for the remaining time before I turned 18. I cannot remember their names. My education had already suffered badly, and I struggled to build relationships with people. This placement was "alright" compared to others, but I was still picked at, treated with arrogance, and made to feel like a burden. The only thing that kept me going was knowing I was nearly 18 and could finally leave.

When I did leave care, I had no guidance, no support, and no trust in anyone.

I entered the real world completely alone, with severe mental health issues.

Since then, my life has been a constant struggle. I suffer from anxiety, PTSD, and depression, which have affected me my entire life since childhood. I try to block these memories out, but I will never forget the abuse I endured in care.

The trauma has stayed with me to this day and continues to affect my relationships, my confidence, my mental health, and my ability to feel safe or trust others.

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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Q2 | When were you abused?
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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

Do you want help
with this section?

If you want help before sending in the form, you can:

- 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

26/03/2026

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:

- **Telephone:** 0808 175 0808 (freephone)
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Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm
(except Scottish public holidays)
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