

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Lyndsey Urquhart

Date of birth

Day 01 Month 02 Year 1977

Your statement for additional care settings

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.

1977 - 1985

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.

Part 2 of the application form provides more information about what you may want to include.

Your statement for additional care settings

My mother was an alcoholic and was in a relationship with a very violent man. Because of the situation at home, I was placed on the child at-risk register and came under the involvement of social services from the age of three.

Despite social services being aware of the abuse and instability within the home, I remained living there. When I was around five years old, my older sister, who was ten at the time, was sent to live with our father because my mother and her partner did not want her. About a year later, my brother was also sent to live with our father after he was severely beaten by my mother's partner. Social services knew about what had happened.

Even after my siblings had been removed from the home, I was left behind. I continued to live in a frightening and dangerous environment. I remember one occasion when my mother's partner poured battery acid around the house, laughing and saying, "You're lucky it's not your face." Incidents like this left me terrified and constantly fearful for my safety.

It was not until I was eight years old that I was finally removed from my mother's care. Looking back, I struggle to understand why I was left in such a dangerous environment for so long when social services were aware of the risks and the abuse taking place. When I was eight years old, I was placed into foster care in Muir of Ord. This was a temporary placement, and I do not recall experiencing any problems while I was there. After this, I was placed in the care of my grandmother. Although I felt safer living with her, my mother and her partner would regularly come to the house and cause trouble. Their behaviour made it an unsafe environment, and my grandmother felt unable to protect me from them. The constant disruption and intimidation became too much for her to cope with. Eventually, my grandmother made the difficult decision that she could no longer care for me because she could not keep me safe. As a result, I was placed back into foster care, this time in Dingwall.

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