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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

Mathlian Downs

### 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](mailto: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](https://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 Family

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.

1964

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.

## Your statement for Care setting 1 continued

After six weeks, I was moved to another foster family in Edinburgh, and this is where the abuse began. The adults in this home would pick on me and push me around. My dad would come to visit and bring me sweets, but the foster carers would take them off me and give them to their own children. I was always kept separate and made to feel different.

While I was in this foster placement, I ended up with a broken leg. I was told I had "jumped off a wardrobe," but I was only 3 years old, and to this day I question how I could even have got up there. I clearly remember the foster mother being behind me. Because I could not walk due to the injury, an ambulance was called. I remember the ambulance man witnessing the foster parent push me down the stairs, causing me to fall into his arms. He reported what he saw, and I was immediately removed from this foster family.

## 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).

Glasscloone Children’s 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.

1967-1970

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.

Sheila Bryant

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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 2 continued

At age 6, I was transferred to Glasscloone Children's Home in East Lothian, North Berwick, where I stayed until I was about 9 years old. My first memory of arriving there was fear, but I also felt some excitement because my big sister was there. Some of the older girls tried to make me feel welcome, but that changed very quickly because of one staff member.

Her name was Sheila Bryant, and she was a head staff member. She singled me out and was extremely vicious towards me. She punished us by pulling our clothes down and smacking us, often using a stick or a slipper. She would sometimes send us to bed without any supper, leaving us hungry and terrified.

I had hearing problems, which the staff were fully aware of. Despite this, Sheila Bryant would shout at me and say I only "heard what I wanted to hear." She would call me a liar and hit me for this. Even though they knew I struggled to hear, they laughed and punished me anyway. She would scream at me so badly that I would wet myself, and if I wet the bed, I would be beaten with a slipper and made to sit in a cold bath while other children watched and laughed.

They deliberately kept me separated from my sister as much as possible. The girls' dormitory was one large room with girls aged 6 to 16. The older girls were frustrated because they couldn't listen to their music or have privacy, but many of them tried to look after us younger ones because we were all being beaten. We were dragged out of bed and smacked regularly. I lived in constant fear.

## 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).

Glasscloone

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.

1971-1978

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.

Donna Ferrier, Sheila Bryant, tom rodgen , Derek faulkner

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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
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## Your statement for Care setting 3 continued

At age 10, I was placed back into care and returned to Glasscloone in East Lothian, North Berwick, where I stayed until I was 17. Going back was a strange feeling. It was a relief to escape the abuse at home, but I was also terrified because I knew exactly what I had suffered there before. I felt trapped, knowing I could not escape.

I noticed Sheila Bryant immediately when I returned. There were other staff members. Mary Lenny, a house mother, was kind to me and treated me with care. She was aware of what was happening and showed me compassion. Donna Ferrier was unpleasant to me. I tended to stay close to certain staff for safety, and Donna did not like this. She was nasty at times, though I would describe her behaviour as bullying rather than direct abuse.

While on holiday in Northumberland, I remember the driver, Tom Rodgen, who was sexually assaulting children. This is something I witnessed and was aware of at the time.

The mental and sexual abuse during my teenage years at Glasscloone was the worst I ever experienced. One memory is burned into my mind and has never left me. I was a young teenager, just starting puberty. I was pulled into an office where my pants were pulled down while I was on my period. Derek Faulkner, who was a guardian, smacked my bottom, humiliating and degrading me. While doing this, he touched me inappropriately. I could tell he was enjoying it. It made me feel sick and ashamed. His wife, Doris Faulkner, was aware of what was happening and allowed it to continue.

Because of this abuse, I was made to believe that men could do what they wanted to me, and that if a man wanted sex, I had to give it to keep them happy. I did not know any different. I was groomed.

At age 13, I was groomed by James Florence, known as "Flo." I met him at the town teenage disco, even though he was 18 and should not have been there. Staff were aware of what was happening. He would get me drunk, pick me up from his work at the local butchers, take me in his car, and force me to have sex with him. Staff allowed me to continue seeing him even though I was only 13.

This finally ended when a new deputy head arrived briefly. He threatened to contact the police, and James Florence ran off. I never saw him again. The police became involved.

At the home, we were sometimes locked away, excluded, and made to feel different. I was singled out, pushed aside, and treated as unwanted.

Punishments included slaps across the face, cold baths, and being sent to bed without food. Staff allowed other children to bully me daily, calling me names and isolating me.

During a review meeting, Doris Faulkner and my social worker called me a slut, cow, and whore, even though I was a child who had been sexually abused. This destroyed any remaining trust I had in adults. I completely lost faith in everyone.

As a result of everything I experienced and witnessed, I now suffer from severe mental health issues, including PTSD and anxiety. I relive these memories constantly. They play over and over in my mind, causing sleepless nights, fear, and emotional distress.

After leaving care, I had no support whatsoever. I was failed repeatedly. I later became involved in prostitution, not because I chose that life, but because abuse had taught me that my worth was tied to my body. I have lost two children, and the lack of support since leaving care has had devastating consequences on my life.

## 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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**Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?**  
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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](https://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

*RP Davis*

Application  
form  
**Part 3**

## 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)
- **International:** +44 131 297 6500  
Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm  
(except Scottish public holidays)
- **Email:** [apply@redress-scheme.scot](mailto:apply@redress-scheme.scot)

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