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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**

Mark Lawrie

**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).

coylton 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.

1976-1979

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 walkers from barrassie

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.

I was abused and neglected from a very young age. I was taken away from my mother when I was small, and I have only vague memories of being in and out of care before my earliest clear recollection, which is being placed in Coylton Home at 8 Woodhead Road. I believe I was around three or four years old at the time. This was where my abuse began and where I first learned that I was unsafe and unwanted.

When I first arrived at Coylton Home, some of the staff appeared kind, but it did not take long for me to realise that this was not a safe place. As a very young child, I witnessed staff sexually assaulting children in the home. I did not fully understand what I was seeing at the time, but I knew it was wrong and frightening. Some staff members were physically rough with us, pushing us around, restraining children, and calling us names. We were regularly humiliated and treated as if we did not matter.

There were staff who were inappropriate and "touchy-feely" with us. They would touch our hands, faces, shoulders, and bodies in ways that made me uncomfortable and confused. I was exposed to sexual behaviour far too young, and I believe I was being groomed, even though I did not have the words for it then. I lived in constant fear.

There was a lot of violence in the home. Children were made to fight each other, and staff allowed it to happen. We were constantly scared, not only of the staff but of one another. There was no comfort, no protection, and no one to turn to. I was left to fend for myself emotionally and physically at an age when I should have been cared for. I remained in this environment for around three years, feeling abandoned, neglected, and completely alone.

After this, I was placed with a family called the Walkers in Barrassie. I was still very young, and although I believe this placement was calmer, I cannot remember much from this time. I was there for around a year. My lack of memory reflects how young and disconnected I was by this point in my life.

At around six or seven years old, I was moved back to Coylton Home for a few months. I remember feeling deeply unwanted. The abuse continued. Staff laughed at me, called me names, and encouraged violence between children. I was made to fight other children. This continued for around a year, and by this point, I felt worthless and scared all the time.

## 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).

Foster Care

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.

1979-1980

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?**

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

the mcnaughts family

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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.

At around eight years old, I was placed with the McNaughts family in Ballantrae, who lived on a farm. For a short time, this felt closer to a normal life, but it did not last. The woman in the household frequently used physical punishment, hitting me with her hands. This made me frightened to speak up or express myself. I learned to stay quiet and keep to myself to avoid punishment. I lived in fear here and internalised the belief that my voice did not matter. I remained here until I was around eleven years old.

## Your statement for Care setting 3

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).

coylton 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.

1980-1983

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:**

- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
- what life was like for you during this time
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## Your statement for Care setting 3 continued

I was then placed back into Coylton Home again for a few months. Nothing had changed. I was beaten, bullied, and emotionally abused. I hated being there and felt completely trapped. After a few months, I was moved again

## Your statement for Care setting 4

Please read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance before you begin.

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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).

Foster Care

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.

1983-1984

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
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I was then placed with the Opies family. From the very beginning, this placement was distressing. I was forced to attend church, and when I refused, I was physically restrained. I was made to call the woman "mum," but her children bullied me, laughed at me, and told me she was not my real mother. I was treated differently from her children in every way.

While living there, attempts were made to force me to change who I was, including trying to make me present as a girl. This was deeply confusing, frightening, and damaging to my sense of identity. I was terrorised in this household. I was isolated, often made to eat alone, and deliberately left out. I felt like an outsider, a burden, and a loner. The mental torment was constant. I was left alone with my thoughts, which became darker over time. I remained there until I was around fifteen or sixteen years old.

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:

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- 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**

## 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)

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- **Email:** [\*\*apply@redress-scheme.scot\*\*](mailto:apply@redress-scheme.scot)