

Table of contents

Section 1: Personal details	page 2
Section 2: Your statement of abuse	page 3
Section 3: Supporting documents	page 12
Section 4: Declaration and privacy notice	page 13
Next steps	page 14

Section 1: Personal details

This information will be used to join together Part 1 and Part 3 of your application forms.

Name

Duncan Prowse

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).

DREGHORN CHILDRENS 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.

1998

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. 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.

When we were placed here, it was not actually a children's home. It was a hostel for young people who were preparing to leave care. I was far too young to be in that environment. I remember there was a 16 or 17-year-old girl called Laura still living there. I also have a booklet of photos from that time, and it is clearly labelled as a hostel, which confirms this. Being placed in that setting at such a young age was completely inappropriate and unsafe for me.

During my time there, I found the environment horrible and very isolating. I remember being upset most of the time and feeling constantly scared. The staff spoke to us in a very harsh and degrading way, and there was no sense of care or protection. Instead of feeling supported, I felt intimidated and alone.

I was often made fun of during my time there, which had a serious impact on my self-esteem and my sense of identity. I felt like I was constantly being judged and rejected for who I was. As a young child, this was extremely confusing and painful to experience, and it has had lasting effects on how I see myself.

We were singled out because we were Travellers. The staff would deliberately embarrass us because of the way we spoke. We had our own language, but instead of respecting that, they would mock us. I remember being sat down and forced to speak English, and if we spoke in our own language, we would be punished. This made me feel ashamed of my background and identity.

This has had a long-term impact on me. As I got older and tried to reconnect with my travelling family, I found it difficult to communicate properly. The way I had been treated changed my views and caused problems within my relationships with my family. I struggled to hold conversations and felt disconnected from my own identity. This has had a deep and lasting impact on my mental health.

Because of this treatment, I became very withdrawn. I stopped speaking as much, especially in that environment, because I was afraid of being laughed at or humiliated. This has affected my confidence and my ability to express myself, not just then but throughout my adult life. I still struggle with communication and social interaction to this day.

We were often left to ourselves and neglected. There was very little supervision or care. The staff were not supportive and showed no understanding. Instead, they would call me names, including calling me "stupid." I also remember one specific staff member calling me "fat" and physically assaulting me by slapping me around the back of the head. I was only a small child at the time, and this treatment had a severe impact on me both physically and emotionally.

The impact of my time there has been long-lasting and severe. I have struggled to build and maintain relationships, and my mental health has been significantly affected. Over the years, I have required support from mental health services, including being in mental hospitals. I have suffered deeply with feelings of rejection and have experienced suicidal thoughts as a result of what I went through.

Looking back, I feel that I was placed in an environment that was completely unsuitable for a child of my age and that I was not protected or cared for in the way I should have been. The experiences I went through there have had a profound and lasting impact on my life, and I continue to suffer the effects of that trauma to this day.

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).

MARGARET AND GORDON- 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.

2002

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. 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.

See Attached

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).

Seaton Terrace

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.

2003

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. 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.

See Attached

Your statement for Care setting 4

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).

Mackellar childrens 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.

2003

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.

Please read page 36 of “Help to apply” to find out more about what information you may want to include.

When I arrived, no one settled me in or asked about my wellbeing. From the very beginning, I was bullied and spoken to in a very harsh and degrading way. It was not treated as a safe placement. I was not given a bedroom, but instead I was forced to stay in a second living room. I was excluded and kept on my own. At times, staff locked me in this room as a punishment, and I was often not allowed to leave the home at all.

There was also an incident with a neighbour who attacked me with a pitch shaft. Although he later came to apologise, the staff at the care home did nothing to support me. Instead, they blamed me and acted as though I was at fault, even after he admitted what he had done. This left me feeling unsafe and not believed.

The staff in this placement were also physically rough with me and would restrain me forcefully. My sister was also in the placement, and we would sometimes argue or fight due to the stressful environment we were in. On one occasion, my tooth was knocked out by a plate during an incident. Despite this injury, the staff did not take me to the dentist. Instead, they locked me in my room in pain for around 10 hours. I was left untreated and distressed.

The environment created by the staff also caused conflict between me and my siblings. They seemed to allow and even ignore the fact that we were becoming aggressive towards each other. Rather than protecting us or helping us cope, they watched as we took our frustration out on one another.

Food provision was poor. We were given food, but it was often cold and stale. The older children were allowed to cook their own meals, but I was not given the same opportunity. Instead, I was expected to manage on my own and was left with basic, low-quality food such as noodles and instant meals. I was treated as though I should be independent, despite still being a child and struggling emotionally.

During this time, I was grieving, confused, and extremely upset. I was missing my siblings and felt very alone. Staff would laugh at me, torment me, and call me names. I felt completely helpless, with nowhere to turn. At times, I felt suicidal, and I did not believe anyone cared about my wellbeing.

These experiences had a serious impact on my mental health, causing PTSD, anxiety, and depression. I felt abandoned and emotionally unsafe throughout my time there. The only support I had was from my social worker, who I remember as kind and supportive, but I rarely saw her, and I felt too scared to speak openly about what was happening.

I was in this placement for around a few months, but the impact of that time has stayed with me ever since.

I also remember an incident where I cut my wrist. I told the staff that I had injured myself, but I was told it was not serious enough to go to hospital and was sent to bed. The next day I had lost a significant amount of blood, and I was urgently taken to hospital. I had glass in my wrist and required an

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

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)

Statement Addendum

Client Name: Duncan Prowse
Date of Birth: 15/01/1990
Care Setting: MARGARET AND GORDON- FOSTER FAMILY
Dates: 2002
Persons Involved:

Full Statement

Then we were moved to another placement where me and all my siblings were manipulated and treated very badly. We were all secluded and this had a very serious impact on our mental health. This period was extremely damaging for all of us.

They originally started off as our respite carers, and we already knew them. They had agreed to keep us together, but once we were living with them, their attitude and behaviour changed completely. It became clear that they did not want us anymore. They would say they wanted younger children instead, and that they were only interested in the money. Hearing this as a child made me feel unwanted, worthless, and like a burden.

They made us feel very small and constantly reminded us that we had no parents. We were singled out and treated differently. It felt like hell for us living there. The environment was emotionally abusive and deeply distressing.

After Lauren and Alexis left, I was left in the placement and had to stay in order to remain with my younger sister. I remember one specific incident clearly. I went ice skating one weekend, and when I returned home, my bedroom had been emptied. My bed had been taken, and I was left without it. I was called a "paedophile", which was extremely upsetting and damaging, especially given my age and the circumstances involving my own father. My father had been involved in sexual abuse, and this was used against me repeatedly in a cruel and degrading way.

A man called Gordon Campbell, who was also associated with Kerr Law, was involved in my care. He was extremely harsh towards me. Alongside Margaret Reid, who would call and laugh at me and torment me emotionally, they made my life extremely difficult. I remember Margaret Reid being very cruel in her behaviour towards me, constantly belittling me and laughing at my distress.

They would call me names such as "pedo" and other degrading terms. Gordon Campbell would also force me to dig holes and bury rubbish while being verbally abused and called names throughout. I felt completely used and humiliated. I had no choice in these situations and felt trapped.

Gordon Campbell was also physically abusive towards me. He would restrain me, hold his hands around my

throat, grab me, and drag me to my room. He was a large, intimidating man, and his behaviour made me feel extremely unsafe. The physical restraint caused me pain and fear, and I was constantly frightened of what might happen next.

My time in this placement was characterised by constant torment, bullying, and both mental and physical abuse. I was secluded, isolated from others, and repeatedly mistreated by the people who were supposed to care for me.

The impact of this has been long-lasting and severe. It has had a significant effect on my mental health, and I continue to struggle with the consequences of what I experienced. I suffer from anxiety, PTSD, depression, and ongoing difficulties with trust, relationships, and emotional stability. These experiences have left me deeply affected and have shaped many aspects of my adult life.

Looking back, I feel I was completely failed and placed in an environment where I was not safe, not protected, and not cared for in any way. The abuse I experienced during this time has had a lasting and life-changing impact on me. i couldn't take it anymore and i had to leave my little sister and leave as i stayed aslong as i could but i couldn't deal with it anymore i felt suicidal

Statement Addendum

Client Name: Duncan Prowse
Date of Birth: 15/01/1990
Care Setting: Seaton Terrace
Dates: 2003
Persons Involved:

Full Statement

When I arrived, there was no empathy or care shown towards me. I was immediately flung into my room and handled roughly. I remember being slung about and not being treated with any kindness or understanding. From early on, I was restrained daily, and these restraints were forceful and painful. Staff would sit on me in a way that took my breath away. I felt physically overpowered and terrified. These experiences changed me as a person. I became more withdrawn, fearful, and emotionally damaged.

The environment in the home was unsafe. We were allowed to leave the care home and mix with people who were involved in dangerous behaviour, including fighting with knives. Staff were aware of this and did nothing to stop it. It made me feel like they did not care about my safety or wellbeing at all.

The home itself was not a safe or stable place for children. The behaviour of staff and other children had a damaging impact on our mental health. My key worker would call me names, including calling me "fat" and other degrading insults. I was publicly humiliated, and there was no protection from this behaviour. I was told not to be given food and was banned from the kitchen. I was also deprived of food and effectively starved as a form of punishment. This was extremely humiliating and deeply damaging to my mental health.

I was bullied by staff in front of other children. In particular, female staff would laugh at me and join in with name-calling. This constant humiliation and verbal abuse had a severe impact on my self-esteem and emotional wellbeing.

I can also recall on more than one occasion staff members, including Cathy and Isla, being involved in my care. Cathy arranged for her husband to drop me off at work. During this time, he abused me verbally, calling me names and threatening me in relation to my weight. This caused me significant fear and distress and contributed to me feeling unsafe on a daily basis.

I was restrained painfully on many occasions. Staff would sit on me, bend my arms and legs behind my back, and restrain me in ways that caused me to struggle to breathe. These incidents were frightening and painful, and I felt completely powerless. Physical punishment and restraint were used frequently, and if we did anything wrong, money or possessions would be taken away from us. We were made to feel that we had no rights or control over anything.

We were often secluded in our rooms for long periods. Staff regularly called us names and pushed us around. There was no sense of safety, care, or stability. The home was also overcrowded. It was supposed to be a four-bedroom house, but there were too many children placed there. At times, we had to sleep or stay in the office or living room, which made the environment even more chaotic and unsettling.

The environment remained unsafe throughout. We were allowed to leave the home and mix with individuals involved in dangerous behaviour, including knife-related violence. Staff were aware of this but failed to intervene or protect us. This made me feel completely unprotected and uncared for.

Older children were also allowed to target and hit me, calling me names while staff, including Cathy, would sometimes watch and laugh. This lack of protection made me feel completely abandoned and unsafe.

Throughout my life, I feel I have been passed from place to place without anyone truly caring for me or protecting me. I have been repeatedly failed by the systems that were meant to keep me safe. The abuse I experienced has had a severe and lasting impact on my life, and I continue to suffer the consequences every day.

I felt suicidal at times and lived in constant fear. I have been deeply affected by PTSD, depression, and anxiety, which impact my daily life and ability to function. I also struggle significantly with trusting people and building relationships. These experiences have severely affected my life and continue to do so to this day. this effected my confidence still this this day too