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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**

Linda Straube

**Date of birth**

Day

06

Month

10

Year

1960

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).

Eskdale house, Dumfries

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.

1974-1975

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.

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.

During my time at Eskdale House, it was horrendous. I was only supposed to spend six weeks there, but I ended up being kept for eight months. When I first arrived, I was scared and unsure of what was happening. I remember being dropped off and asking if I could ring my family because I was upset and crying. Instead of comforting me, they gave me two tablets. I didn't even make it back to my room before I passed out. Looking back, I realise they drugged me. At the time, I didn't understand it, but it became clear that they were drugging a lot of people there.

After that first night, I realised this was something they did regularly. They would drug us at night so they could have parties in the office. It was frightening to know that the people who were supposed to care for us were deliberately putting us in vulnerable situations.

Multiple times, I woke up to find men in the bed with me, sexually abusing me. It wasn't just me — it was happening to other children as well. There were many cases where people were being abused, and it felt like no one was safe. I remember being in the bath, and there was a cubicle nearby. Men would watch me, and then the next thing I knew, I would be asleep, as if I had been drugged again, and I would realise I had been sexually assaulted. It happened so many times that I can't even remember every incident. It became such a regular occurrence that it almost felt expected, which is something no child should ever experience.

There were far too many cases where me and other children were drugged and sexually assaulted. It was constant, and it left me feeling terrified, confused, and completely powerless. The environment was unsafe in every possible way, and the people who were supposed to protect us were the ones causing the harm.

These experiences have stayed with me throughout my life. The fear, the trauma, the confusion, and the betrayal have had a massive impact on my mental health and my sense of safety. What happened at Eskdale House wasn't just wrong — it was life changing in the worst possible way, and the emotional scars are still there. It has got me to the point where I have always worked independent jobs as I do not like socialising with other people.

## 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?**

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**Q2 | When were you abused?**  
For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

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## Your statement for Care setting 3

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## 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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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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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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