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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 Ashton

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).

KirkMichael Care Home in Maybole

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.

1982-1984

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.

Mr Ridge Or Richardson , The Staff and Children

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 taken away from my family at the age of 12 and placed in Kirk Michael Care Home in Maybole, Scotland. From the very beginning I was terrified. I was emotionally distressed, frightened, and heartbroken from being separated from my family. My earliest memories of this place are of fear, confusion, and deep sadness.

At Kirk Michael, members of staff were immediately abusive towards me. I remember staff members known as Mr Ridge or Mr Richardson (the name was something along those lines). He was physically violent towards me. I was regularly hit, pushed around, and slapped across the face. This violence was routine and deliberate.

I was also subjected to extreme physical punishment and cruelty. On many occasions I was tied to a chair and left there all day, crying, in pain, terrified, and completely helpless. I was tormented while restrained and ignored while I begged for help. This caused me intense physical pain and emotional distress.

I also remember an incident where I was placed in a bath and scrubbed with a yard brush. My skin was left red raw and painfully damaged, and I was unable to lie down properly for several days afterward. This treatment was degrading, brutal, and inhumane.

Food was often withheld as punishment. I was frequently sent to bed hungry. When I asked for food or help, staff would laugh at me, mock my distress, and deliberately ignore my needs. I remained at Kirk Michael for around two years, living in constant fear, hunger, pain, and emotional torment.

The abuse I suffered throughout my time in care has had severe and lasting effects on my mental health. Even as a child, I was living in constant fear, shame, confusion, and emotional pain. As an adult, the damage has never gone away.

I suffer daily with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. I do not feel like the same person I once was. My ability to trust others, feel safe, and live a normal life has been permanently damaged. I feel that my life was ruined before it ever had a chance to begin.

I will never forget how I was failed by the care system. I will never forget the abuse I suffered, or the other children I witnessed being abused as well. The trauma of what happened to me in care

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).

Thorntoun Care Home in Crosshouse

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.

1984-1985

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.

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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.

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At around the age of 13, I was moved to Thornton Care Home in Crosshouse, North Ayrshire, where I stayed for approximately one year. Although the physical abuse was not as severe as at Kirk Michael, the abuse here was primarily mental and emotional. I was left isolated and secluded, with no one to talk to and no emotional support.

Punishments at Thornton involved being locked in my bedroom for long periods. I was left alone with my thoughts, which was devastating given the trauma I had already suffered. Being trapped in isolation worsened my mental health significantly. I felt abandoned, invisible, and completely alone.

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).

Keir Law in Stevenson

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.

1985-1987

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.

Matthew Jobs , Mr Muldoon - The staff and children

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.

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- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
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At around 14 to 15 years old, I was placed in Keir Law in Stevenson, North Ayrshire, and this was the worst period of my life. From the moment I arrived, I was met with staff screaming in my face. The environment was violent, threatening, and terrifying.

I remember staff members including Matthews Jobs (I think) and Mr Muldoon, a PE teacher. These men subjected me to severe physical abuse. I was beaten black and blue. They used belts and balls to hit me. On multiple occasions, my trousers were pulled down and I was beaten with a belt in front of other children. This was deeply humiliating, degrading, and traumatising. I was also subjected to sexual abuse and sexual humiliation. I was dragged to the shower areas after PE lessons, where staff would watch us naked. Mr Muldoon would frequently linger in the showers. This was invasive, frightening, and degrading.

At Keir Law, I was constantly in pain and living in fear. I had no support, and no one listened to me. Staff would encourage or allow older children to beat me, and I was tormented for their amusement. I was powerless and completely unprotected.

I was sexually assaulted by Matt on many occasions. He carried out inappropriate sexual acts towards me and forced or pressured me to do inappropriate things to him. There was no escape from this abuse. It happened repeatedly, and it destroyed my sense of safety, trust, and self-worth.

Everyone knew what was happening to me, yet no one was willing to help or stop it. Instead of protecting me, they stopped my weekend visits, isolated me further, and kept me secluded from anyone who might help. I was terrified of staff and some of the other children. I remained at Keir Law until I turned 16 years old.

The abuse I suffered throughout my time in care has had severe and lasting effects on my mental health. Even as a child, I was living in constant fear, shame, confusion, and emotional pain. As an adult, the damage has never gone away.

I suffer daily with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. I do not feel like the same person I once was. My ability to trust others, feel safe, and live a normal life has been permanently damaged. I feel that my life was ruined before it ever had a chance to begin.

I will never forget how I was failed by the care system. I will never forget the abuse I suffered, or the other children I witnessed being abused as well. The trauma of what happened to me in care continues to affect every part of 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.

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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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?

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- 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

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