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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**

Sabrina Mercer

**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).

MARTIAN ADN EDMOND ECCLES - PERSHIRE

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.

1981-1984

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.

The Parents and the 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.

See Attached

## 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).

Helen and Bill Tweedy - Grangemouth

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-

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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You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

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## 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).

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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You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

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## 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).

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

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For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

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- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
- what life was like for you during this time
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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**

## 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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# Statement Addendum

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**Client Name:** Sabrina Mercer  
**Date of Birth:** 09/03/1979  
**Care Setting:** MARTIAN ADN EDMOND ECCLES - PERSHIRE  
**Dates:** 1981-1984  
**Persons Involved:** The Parents and the children

## Full Statement

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I was very young when I was placed into foster family - MARTIAN ADN EDMOND ECCLES - PERSHIRE , and many of my earliest memories are vague and fragmented. What I do know is that when I arrived at the foster family's home, I already had fractures from the place I had been in before. I was only little when I arrived, so many of my early memories are unclear, but there are certain moments that are burned into my mind and that I will never forget.

One of my earliest clear memories from that home happened when I was around five years old. I remember being in trouble for something, although I cannot remember exactly what I had done. I do remember the fear I felt very clearly. I was screamed and shouted at so aggressively that it terrified me. The way they shouted at me made me feel small, helpless, and completely powerless. That day has stayed with me ever since because of how frightened I felt.

After shouting at me, they put me on top of a cupboard and made me stay there all day. I was a very small child, and I was scared of falling. I was hungry, I needed the toilet, and my body began to ache from sitting there for so long. Despite this, they left me there and ignored me. I was far too frightened to ask for help or to ask to come down. I remember feeling trapped and alone, not knowing when it would end. As a child, I felt completely powerless in that moment.

Sometimes I would take cakes or food from the cupboards. Looking back, I see this as typical behaviour for a hungry child, but the foster parents did not see it that way. When they caught me, I was punished harshly. I was hit for it and treated as if I had done something terrible. Because of this, I spent a lot of time trying to avoid getting into trouble and living in fear of what might happen if I did something wrong.

I was constantly threatened by Marion. She would often threaten me by saying she would get Edmond, which terrified me. Edmond would restrain me physically, shout and scream at me, and pin me up against the wall. He was a grown man using his strength against a child. On some occasions he would pin my legs behind my head, which caused me severe pain while he restrained me. I would be screaming and crying while this was happening, but it did not stop him.

There was another incident where Edmond came into the room and picked up one of the cork placemats that were on the table. He hit me across the head with it and then left me outside all night in the cold. The placemat struck my head so hard that it split my head open. I remember the pain and the shock of it. While this was happening, Marion sat watching and smiling. That image has stayed with me for the rest of my life.

They regularly called me names. I was often called “gormless,” and they would laugh at me and say that I was evil or nasty. Being spoken to like that as a child made me feel worthless and unwanted. It made me believe that there was something wrong with me.

At one point, the family went to Portugal and took everyone except me and my sister. We were left at home while they went away. While they were in Portugal, they were burgled. When they returned, they blamed the burglary on me, saying it was because I was evil. I had not even been there, but they still accused me and attacked me for it.

Physical abuse was something I experienced regularly. They would hit me, prod me, slap me, and pull my hair. However, the emotional and psychological abuse was often even worse. I lived in constant fear and felt completely powerless in that environment.

There were also incidents of sexual abuse by Edmond. On one occasion, he tried to sexually assault me by attempting to force his penis into my mouth. I reported this to Marion, but she did not believe me and dismissed what I said. Instead of protecting me, she treated me as though I was lying.

There were other occasions where he behaved inappropriately towards me. One time I remember being in the bathroom and he came up behind me, cupped my chest, and said that I was “a developing young woman.” There were times where he forced sexual acts on me and forced his penis into my mouth.

I was manipulated, bullied, and abused constantly in that house. I remember one particularly traumatic event where I was asleep and woke up to Edmond pulling me up. While I was asleep, he raped me. I still remember the smell, the feeling, and the fear from that moment. Those memories have never left me.

I told Marion about what had happened. I was crying and screaming, trying to explain the abuse, but none of them believed me. Instead of helping me, they treated me as if I was the problem. Eventually, when I was 14 years old, I was sent away into care and labelled as the “problem child.”

The years of being beaten, abused, and especially sexually assaulted have had a devastating impact on my life. Those experiences affected me deeply and continue to affect me today. The trauma from the abuse has left lasting scars on my mental health.

As a result of everything that happened, I now struggle with severe anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress. I often feel constantly on edge and unsafe. I find it very difficult to trust people, particularly men, because of what I experienced growing up.

The abuse has also had a significant impact on my relationships throughout my life. I have struggled to build healthy relationships and often find it difficult to trust or feel secure with others. I have sometimes found

myself in relationships with the wrong people, which I believe is connected to never having experienced love, safety, or comfort as a child.

For most of my life, I have felt deeply upset and emotionally overwhelmed by what happened to me. I never felt loved or protected when I needed it the most. The abuse I experienced as a child has shaped how I see myself and the world around me.

Even now, the memories remain vivid and painful. The trauma I experienced in that foster home has affected everyday i have struggled with my mental health and do not trust men

# Statement Addendum

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**Client Name:** Sabrina Mercer  
**Date of Birth:** 09/03/1979  
**Care Setting:** Helen and Bill Tweedy - Grangemouth  
**Dates:** 1984-  
**Persons Involved:**

## Full Statement

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After I had already gone through what felt like the worst experience of my life with the previous foster family, I was moved and placed with a new foster family. At first, when I arrived, they seemed kind and welcoming. For a short time I believed that things might finally be different for me. I hoped that this new placement would mean safety, care, and some sense of belonging after everything I had already endured. Unfortunately, that hope did not last very long.

Very quickly, the way they treated me began to change. The abuse I experienced there was not as extreme as what I had gone through in the previous foster placement, but it still deeply affected me. Almost immediately they started calling me names. They would prod at me, pull at me physically, and push me around. I remember feeling constantly uncomfortable and on edge because I never knew when they might start again. Even small moments in the house felt tense. I felt like I was always being targeted.

They often treated me horribly and then would say things like "how do you like it?" as if what they were doing was some kind of lesson or punishment. I never understood why this was happening to me. I had done nothing to deserve being treated this way, and yet it felt like I was constantly being blamed or singled out. Being spoken to like that made me feel small, confused, and powerless.

There were times when I would be locked in my room, isolated from everyone else in the house. Other times I would be called names repeatedly or have people prod at me or push me around. These experiences might not have left visible physical injuries, but they caused a lot of mental and emotional pain. At that time I was already struggling with the trauma and distress from what had happened to me previously, but no one seemed to care about how I was coping or how deeply it had affected me.

Inside, I felt completely alone. I did not feel safe enough to speak openly about what I was experiencing, and I felt like there was no one who would truly listen or believe me anyway. Because of that, I began to withdraw more and more into myself. I kept to myself as much as possible. My daily routine became very small and isolated: I would go to school, return to the house, and then spend most of my time alone in my room until I was old enough to leave.

Emotionally, everything hurt me very deeply. My feelings were constantly being hurt, and over time I began to believe that I did not matter. I never experienced the kind of love, care, or support that a child needs in order to feel safe and valued. Instead, I felt rejected and unwanted.

One of the things that confused and hurt me the most was how different they were when I first arrived. In the beginning they had been kind and welcoming, which gave me hope. But suddenly their behaviour changed, and it felt like the kindness had disappeared overnight. I never understood why. That sudden shift made it even harder for me to trust people, because it showed me that someone could appear caring at first and then turn against me.

They also made up lies about me. One example that still stands out clearly in my memory is when they accused me of courting people for cigarettes. That accusation was completely untrue, and hearing people say things like that about me was humiliating and upsetting. I felt like my character was constantly being misrepresented. It seemed as though everyone around me was determined to portray me as someone I was not.

Over time, these repeated accusations and the way people spoke about me started to affect how I saw myself. When you are constantly told negative things about yourself, it becomes difficult not to internalise some of that pain. I felt like my personality was being slowly damaged. My confidence disappeared, and the person I might have grown into under different circumstances felt like it was being taken away from me.

These experiences had a long-lasting impact on my mental health. Living in an environment where I was mocked, isolated, and falsely accused created deep feelings of sadness, anxiety, and mistrust. I often felt emotionally numb, as though I had to shut down my feelings just to cope with daily life. I also developed a strong sense of hyper-vigilance, always anticipating criticism or conflict even in situations where it might not actually be present.

Even now, the memories from that time still affect me. They have shaped how I see other people and how safe I feel in relationships. Trust is something I still struggle with because so many of my early experiences with people who were supposed to care for me ended in betrayal or mistreatment. The lack of love and support during those formative years has had lasting consequences for my mental health and my overall sense of security in the world.

Looking back, I realise that as a child I was trying to survive in an environment where I felt completely unsupported. I coped by staying quiet, keeping to myself, and focusing on getting through each day until I was finally old enough to leave. But the emotional wounds from that time did not simply disappear when I left that house. They remain part of my story and continue to influence my life today.

What hurts the most is knowing that I was made out to be someone I was not. I was a child who needed understanding, protection, and kindness. Instead, I was treated as though I was a problem. That experience damaged my faith in people and in humanity more broadly, and rebuilding that trust has been one of the hardest challenges I have faced.