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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

Ian Neil

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).

Balrossie Residential School

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.

1992 -1994

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.

I was restrained quite forcefully, and the way it was done felt completely over the top. It was carried out by both male and female members of staff, and the physical pressure they used caused real pain in my arms and legs. Sometimes they would even sit on top of me, and I remember one man in particular who was very heavy. He would lean over me, and his breath was right in my face. The whole experience made me feel powerless and humiliated.

They would also speak to me in a really harsh and degrading way. They shouted directly in my face, and I often felt isolated, confused, and overwhelmed. Those moments have stayed with me throughout my life. The emotional impact didn't end when I left; it followed me into adulthood. I have struggled with my mental health ever since, and I ended up on antidepressants for most of my life because of the way I was treated there. It shaped how I saw myself and how I coped with the world.

There were also times when staff members came into the room and made me give the women massages using baby oil. I remember one woman in particular, Franny. She was the one who stands out most in my memory. During these situations, she touched me in ways that made me extremely uncomfortable, including touching my lower body. It wasn't just her—there were a few female staff members involved. I was a child, and I didn't understand what was happening or how to respond. I only knew that it felt wrong, confusing, and deeply uncomfortable. The way they acted towards me left me feeling ashamed and unsure of myself, and it has affected how I relate to my own body and to other people even now.

Looking back, I can see how these experiences shaped so much of my emotional life. I carried the confusion, fear, and shame with me for years. Even today, I still feel the weight of what happened. It wasn't just physical restraint or unkind words—it was a loss of safety, dignity, and trust at a time when I was vulnerable and needed care.

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?

(For example, the name of the care home, or the city or region where you lived in foster care or while boarded out).

Kerelaw 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.

1994 -1995

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:

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There was an arcade game that was a football game, and I remember a teacher, Matt George, pushing himself up against me from behind while I was playing it. That moment has stayed with me because it felt so wrong and confusing, and I didn't understand why an adult would behave that way toward me. It left me feeling uncomfortable and unsure of myself at an age when I should have felt safe around the people responsible for looking after me.

We would also be in the PE room, and the teachers would throw golf balls at us. This happened every week. Sometimes they missed, but a lot of the time they didn't. I remember feeling scared and tense, never knowing when it would happen or how hard it would be. From memory, one of the teachers involved may have been called Harry, although I'm not completely certain. What I do remember clearly is the fear and confusion I felt, and how normalised this behaviour became in that environment.

We were spoken to very badly, often shouted at or belittled. I was restrained by teachers more than once, and each time it left me feeling powerless and overwhelmed. I was in a unit called Fleming 1, and one of the teachers there made me fight the hardest boy in the class. I didn't want to, but I felt like I had no choice. I ended up very badly bruised, and I had a black eye afterwards. I also remember being stabbed with a fork by one of the pupils. All of these experiences built up over time, leaving me feeling unsafe, confused, and constantly on edge.

These events have had a long lasting impact on my mental health. I have struggled for many years with the emotional consequences of what happened. The fear, humiliation, and lack of protection I experienced have followed me into adulthood. I am now on antipsychotic medication as well as antidepressants, and I know that much of this stems from the way I was treated during that period of my life. The memories still affect me, and I continue to work through the emotional weight of everything I went through.

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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- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
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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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Q2 | When were you abused?
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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

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with this section?

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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.

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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