

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Carol Austin

Date of birth

Day 11 Month 09 Year 1967

Your statement for additional care settings

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).

Calder House

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.

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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.

Part 2 of the application form provides more information about what you may want to include.

Your statement for additional care settings

I was placed here when I was 15 years old. I had stopped attending school and eventually ended up at a Children's Panel, where an order was made for me to be sent here. I remained there for a few months.

One of my first experiences when I arrived has stayed with me. The girls were taken into a shower block, where we were all covered in a white powder, which I believe was to make sure we did not have nits or anything similar. We were all completely naked and in an extremely vulnerable position. I was only a 15-year-old girl, and both male and female members of staff were present and able to watch us. I found this awful, humiliating and completely inappropriate. The boys and girls were separated, but for some reason there did not seem to be the same consideration when it came to male members of staff being present around naked girls.

After this, I was taken to my dormitory. It was a very strict and regimented place. Initially, I actually appreciated having some structure and routine in my life, but as time went on, my experience became much worse.

There were other girls there who I felt were more vulnerable and were not always able to stand up for or defend themselves. I remember one particular day trip when we were taken into the mountains. We were sitting having a picnic when it became apparent that one of the girls was missing. I had a feeling that something was wrong, so I went looking for her. When I found her, I witnessed one of the male supervisors sexually assaulting her. Witnessing this at such a young age was extremely traumatic and frightening. Throughout my time there, we were constantly made to feel as though we were "bad girls." It did not feel like a supportive or caring environment where anyone was trying to understand why we were struggling or what we needed. Instead, I felt judged and treated as though there was something wrong with us. While I was there, I had a boyfriend who was also placed at the same establishment. After I had left, he and another boy managed to run away during one of the day trips and came to my hometown. They were terrified about what was going to happen to them and were desperate not to be taken back. Looking back, the fact that two young people were able to run away so easily also makes me question how closely we were actually being supervised and cared for. During the whole time I was there, I never truly felt safe or properly looked after. My experience was surrounded by abuse and fear. I witnessed sexual abuse and experienced emotional abuse myself. There were times when the environment was extremely frightening, and these experiences have stayed with me.

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