

# Scotland's Redress Scheme

## Application form **Part 3**

### For individually assessed payment applicants

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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**

John Mcphee

**Date of birth**

Day

07

Month

09

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).

clark house- 42 molbourne road - largs

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.

1967

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.

See Attached

## 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).

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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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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
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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**

26/03/2026

## 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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# Statement Addendum

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**Client Name:** John Mcphee  
**Date of Birth:** 07/09/1960  
**Care Setting:** clark house- 42 molbourne road - largs  
**Dates:** 1967  
**Persons Involved:**

## Full Statement

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I was only 8 years old when I was placed in care at Clark House. I was taken there along with my brothers. From the very beginning, there was no empathy, no explanation, and no reassurance given to us about what was happening or why we were being taken from our home. We were heartbroken, confused, and deeply distressed. We were simply brought in and placed straight into dormitories without any comfort or understanding. As the eldest brother, I felt an immediate sense of responsibility and worry—not only for myself, but for my mum and my younger siblings. I carried that fear and confusion with me from the very first day.

Clark House housed over 26 children, all living in just two dormitories. The environment felt overcrowded, chaotic, and unsafe. From the moment I arrived, I felt frightened and vulnerable. Very quickly, it became clear that this was not a place of care or protection. We were beaten by staff every single day. The abuse was constant and relentless, and although it should never have been normal, it became something we were forced to accept as part of daily life.

I clearly remember a staff member called Redina. She made our lives unbearable. She was extremely cruel, nasty, and aggressive. She would take any opportunity to beat us and seemed to take pleasure in humiliating us. She would hit us, mock us, and single us out for her own amusement. On some occasions, she would take us into a room, pull our trousers down, and force other children to laugh at us. This was deeply degrading and humiliating. At such a young age, I didn't fully understand why this was happening, but I remember feeling intense shame, embarrassment, and confusion about myself.

There was another staff member, Mrs Robinson, who I believe felt sorry for us. She was the only person who showed even a small amount of kindness, and around her we felt slightly more normal. However, she was limited in what she could do, and she was not able to properly help or protect us. Ultimately, we had very little support from anyone.

My dad would come to visit us every other Saturday. Those visits were the only moments I looked forward to, but even then, Redina would take our pocket money from us. It felt like we had no control over anything in our lives—not even the small comforts.

I also remember the gardener at the home. He made me and other children feel extremely uncomfortable.

There was something very unsettling about him, and I recall that he would try to assault other children. The boys and girls were kept separate, and to this day I fear what may have happened to others. It added another layer of fear and anxiety to an already unsafe environment.

Another staff member I remember is Mr Andrews. Overall, the treatment we received from staff was harsh, controlling, and deeply cruel. We were treated more like prisoners or soldiers than children. We were constantly shouted at, controlled, and punished. The staff would mentally torment us, deliberately upsetting and intimidating us. This left me in a constant state of fear, always on edge, never knowing what would happen next.

Although food was provided, it was often poor quality and unpleasant. We were forced to eat it regardless, even when it made us feel unwell. There were also deeply humiliating experiences, including being dressed in girls' clothing. This was extremely degrading and confusing for me as a child. It made me feel ashamed and affected how I saw myself.

During my time at Clark House, I was separated from my two brothers. We were not allowed to maintain our bond or support each other. This was one of the most painful parts of my experience. Instead of helping us stay connected as a family, the staff isolated us. I felt completely alone. We were constantly bullied—not only by staff but also by other children. The staff encouraged this behaviour and often played children against one another, creating a hostile and dangerous environment.

We lived in a constant state of fear, always in what I now understand to be “fight or flight” mode. Punishments were severe and abusive. We were locked in dormitories, sometimes for long periods. I remember Mrs Forbes, the matron, who would beat us with belts, slippers, and her hands. The pain from these beatings would last for days. We would cry and scream, but no one ever came to help us. I felt completely unsafe at all times and had no one I could turn to for comfort or protection.

Bathing was another traumatic experience that has stayed with me. We were forced into cold baths, often with three or four children at the same time, under staff supervision. This was humiliating and degrading. It stripped away any sense of privacy or dignity we had as children. I still remember how exposed and powerless I felt during those moments.

Punishments included being beaten, being forced to stand outside in the dark all night, being locked in cupboards, and being subjected to constant verbal and physical abuse. The other children in the home were also deeply affected. We were all traumatised, and this led to frequent fighting and aggression between us. Instead of protecting us, the staff allowed and even encouraged this behaviour.

I lived in Clark House for approximately five to six years. During that time, me and my brothers were completely broken by what we experienced. We were terrorised on a daily basis. I witnessed my siblings, especially my younger brother, being bullied and beaten, and I felt powerless to protect them. That has stayed with me ever since.

The abuse I experienced has had a profound and lasting impact on my life. I continue to struggle with my mental health, including severe anxiety, depression, and symptoms of post-traumatic stress. I relive the memories of what happened in that home, and they affect me on a daily basis. I find it extremely difficult to trust people or to feel safe, even now. Building and maintaining relationships has always been a challenge for me, as I struggle with fear, insecurity, and emotional distress.



After everything we went through, we were eventually sent back home to our mum and her violent boyfriend—the same environment we had originally been removed from. Once again, we were exposed to bullying, violence, and abuse. The system was aware of the risks, yet we were still returned to that situation. We remained there until we were old enough to leave again.

Throughout my entire life, I have struggled significantly with my mental health. I suffer from post-traumatic stress, anxiety, and depression. I do not trust people, and I find it extremely difficult to form or maintain relationships. Every day is a struggle, and it always has been. I also carry a deep sense of guilt for what my brothers went through. I feel that our lives have been profoundly damaged by these experiences, and the effects continue to impact me every day of my life.