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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

Deborah Berry

Date of birth

Day 03

Month 07

Year 1965

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).

Redhall 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.

1970- not sure of dates

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.

Please read page 36 of “Help to apply” to find out more about what information you may want to include.

I was abused by another resident when I was very young. They had sexual contact with me when I was around five years old. At that age, I didn't understand what was happening or why it was happening to me. I only knew that something was deeply wrong and that I felt frightened, confused, and completely unprotected. This experience left a lasting impact on me, not only because of the abuse itself, but because I was a child with no sense of safety in a place where I should have been cared for.

I remember having to go to hospital afterwards because I developed an infection. Even though I was so young, I can still recall the fear and the discomfort, both physically and emotionally. Being taken to hospital made everything feel even more real, and yet I still didn't have the words to explain what had happened to me. I felt alone in a situation that no child should ever have to face. The adults around me dealt with the medical side of things, but emotionally I was left to cope with the confusion and distress on my own.

During my time in that care home, I was also restrained by multiple members of staff. This happened more than once, and each time it left me feeling powerless and overwhelmed. Being physically held down as a child—especially after already experiencing trauma—made me feel as though my feelings and reactions were something to be controlled rather than understood. Instead of receiving comfort or support, I was met with force, which only deepened my sense of fear and mistrust.

These experiences shaped how I saw myself and the world around me. I was a child trying to survive situations that were far beyond my ability to process. The combination of abuse, medical treatment, and physical restraint created a sense of instability that followed me for years. Looking back now, I can recognise how much these events influenced my emotional development and my understanding of safety and trust. They remain significant because they explain not only what I went through, but also why I have such a strong commitment to creating stability and protection in my life today.

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).

Calder Grove Childrens home, Edinburgh, Midlothian, EH11 4LZ

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.

1975 -1976

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)

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I was always running away from the care homes. No matter where I was placed, I eventually reached a point where I felt I had to run. It became a pattern across every care home I lived in. At the time, I didn't have the emotional understanding or the language to explain why I kept doing it. All I knew was that I felt overwhelmed, unhappy, and desperate to escape environments that felt unsafe or unpredictable. Running was the only way I knew to express how distressed I was and how much I needed something different.

There were times when the staff would put me in a room and not let me out for a few hours because they said I had been disruptive. This happened quite regularly. As a child, being shut away like that was frightening and confusing. I didn't understand why isolation was used as a response to my behaviour, especially when my behaviour was often a reaction to fear, frustration, or feeling completely unheard. Being locked in a room made me feel even more alone, as though my emotions were something to be punished rather than understood. Those hours felt endless, and they reinforced the sense that I had no safe adult to turn to.

The staff would also restrain me if they felt I was "acting up," and it was usually one or two members of staff who did it. Being restrained was something I experienced far too often. It left me feeling powerless, scared, and misunderstood. Instead of helping me calm down or understand what I was feeling, restraint made everything more intense. I was a child trying to cope with emotions and situations far beyond my capacity, and being physically held down only deepened my sense of fear and confusion. It made me feel as though my reactions were a problem to be controlled rather than a sign that I needed support.

These experiences shaped how I responded to the world around me. I wasn't trying to be difficult—I was trying to survive environments that didn't feel safe or supportive. Looking back now, I can see how much I needed stability, understanding, and emotional guidance. At the time, though, I was simply doing my best to cope with circumstances no child should ever have to face. These memories remain important because they help explain not only what I went through, but also how those experiences influenced the person I eventually became.

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).

Tyneholme, Pencaitland, East Lothian / Tynepark

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.

1976 -1980

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?

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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

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At this care home, I was restrained far more often than in any of the other places I had lived. I found myself in constant conflict, especially with the boys in the home, and these situations often escalated into physical confrontations. I was still a child trying to cope with an environment that felt unpredictable and unsafe, and my reactions were shaped by fear, frustration, and a deep sense of not being protected.

One of the most distressing incidents happened when the boys put a black bin over my head. My own brother was among those involved. They hit the bin with sticks while it was over me, and the noise was overwhelming—deafening, frightening, and completely disorienting. I remember feeling trapped, humiliated, and terrified, unable to understand why something so cruel was happening or why no one stepped in to stop it. That moment has stayed with me because it captured how powerless I felt in that environment.

Because of experiences like this, I ran away from the care home repeatedly. I was so unhappy that leaving felt like the only way I could regain even a small sense of control. Each time I ran, it wasn't about rebellion—it was about escaping fear, chaos, and the constant feeling that I wasn't safe. I didn't have the words at the time to explain what I was going through, but my actions were a clear expression of distress and desperation.

Looking back, I can see how these experiences shaped my understanding of safety, trust, and emotional wellbeing. At the time, though, I was simply a young girl trying to survive situations no child should ever have to face. These memories remain significant because they reflect not only what happened to me, but also the emotional impact that shaped who I became and the values I hold today.

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.

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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

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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.

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

19/03/2026

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)

If you would like to contact a case worker

Please use these details to contact a case worker:

- **Telephone:** 0808 175 0808 (freephone)
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