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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**

Robert Beattie

**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).

Burnside Care Home, Kirkton, Dundee

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.

1969

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.

Robin Hall,

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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.

My first memories of care are arriving at Burnside Care Home, Kirkton, Dundee, where I stayed for approximately eight months to a year. From the moment I arrived, I felt terrified and anxious. I had been taken away from my family and separated from my sibling, and I received no comfort, reassurance, or emotional support at any point.

Only a few days after arriving, the abuse began. Staff constantly called me names, mocked me, and deliberately picked on me. This quickly escalated into physical violence. I was regularly slapped around the head, pushed about, punched, kicked, and spoken to as if I was stupid. If I did anything wrong, I was restrained, which caused me severe pain and humiliation, often in front of other children. I was beaten publicly, which was clearly intended to embarrass and control me.

Staff mainly used their hands to punish me, but this involved repeated slapping, punching, and kicking. I was also locked in dark rooms for long periods and frequently denied food, sometimes going a full day or even two days without eating. Meals were deliberately withheld or replaced with scraps, knowing we would refuse them, leaving us no option but to go hungry. This was a common experience, and many children were being abused in the same way.

The head of the home, Robin Hall, was fully aware of what was happening. He allowed the abuse to continue and at times personally assaulted us. Whenever we tried to report what was happening, we were called liars, laughed at, and punished further. I very quickly learned that speaking up only made things worse, and that I had no protection. This constant physical and mental abuse deeply traumatised me and caused serious harm.

## 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).

Thornly/Thernely Park, Paisley,

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

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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## Your statement for Care setting 2 continued

At around 12 years old, I was moved to Thornly/Thernely Park, Paisley, where I remained for approximately three years. At first, the staff appeared kind, but within a month everything changed. The staff began deliberately provoking us, winding us up until we reacted, and then using this as an excuse to punish us.

The physical abuse here was extreme. Staff used belts to hit us, and the most painful and frightening part was being punched and kicked by adults. We were often left black and blue. Staff would encourage children to fight each other, allowing violent fights to take place most nights as a form of entertainment, so they could avoid being beaten themselves.

It was at this placement that the sexual abuse began. We were locked in our rooms, and staff would come in and sexually assault me on numerous occasions. This happened repeatedly. These experiences have stayed with me my entire life and are something I never wanted to speak about. When I tried to tell someone at the time, I was severely beaten, laughed at, and again called a liar. I learned once more that silence was the only way to survive. After reporting abuse, the punishment became worse. I was locked away for longer periods, and the sexual assaults became more frequent and more violent. Food was again used as control. If you missed dinner, you went hungry. Breakfast was inconsistent and only available on a first-come basis. I was occasionally allowed out at weekends, but more often I was kept secluded, particularly when I tried to speak up.

At one point, another child and I ran away and were found at the local airport. We were taken to an assessment centre in Dumbarton, where I stayed for approximately four weeks (the name is on my files). This was one of the worst places I experienced. The beatings were horrific, constant, and brutal. I was starved, stripped of clothing, deliberately terrified, and deprived of sleep. My body was in constant pain, and I still have nightmares about this period. Although it was only four weeks, it felt like a lifetime.

After this, I was taken back to Thornly/Thernely Park to spend the remainder of my time in care. As soon as I returned, the sexual abuse started again immediately. I felt completely trapped and suicidal. Nothing had changed. It was a constant cycle of seclusion, sexual assault, physical violence, and humiliation, happening daily.

Staff also forced us to share showers, with two naked children in one shower, while staff stood watching us. I remember crying and begging them to stop, but instead they mocked and tormented me regularly.

The abuse I experienced throughout my time in care has had lifelong consequences. I now suffer from severe PTSD, depression, and anxiety. I try to block out the memories, but they continue to affect me every day. I struggle with trust, my relationships have been badly damaged, and I feel that my entire childhood and much of my life were taken from me.

There has never been justice for what happened to me. I was failed repeatedly by those who were supposed to protect me, and I have spent my life living with the effects of the mental, physical, and sexual abuse I endured in care. My life has been extremely difficult as a result, and I continue to suffer because of what was done to me.

## Your statement for Care setting 3

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Burnside Dundee

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**Q2 | When were you abused?**

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1969-1970

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**Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?**

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Staff and children

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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?**

(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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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

Please use these details to contact a case worker:

- **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)