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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

Ryan McIntosh

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).

KirkMichael Care Home in Maybole

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.

1986 - 1990

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.

During my time at Kirkmichael, it was absolutely awful. From the very beginning, the people who ran the place, Dave and Jackie Ridge, made it clear that it was not a safe environment. Dave, in particular, was one of the worst people I have ever come across. He used to beat the children regularly. He would kick us, slap us, hit us, and even kick us up the bottom. He would throw us around and speak to us in ways that were meant to break us down. One of the things that has stayed with me the most is how he used to tell us that our parents never loved us. Hearing that as a child was devastating and deeply damaging.

There was another man there called Patrick Gilchrist, and what he did was even worse. He sexually abused many of us, including me and other children. Kirkmichael was a residential school, so we lived there full time, and that meant we were constantly exposed to the people who were supposed to protect us but instead caused us harm. If we had a bad report at school, Patrick would punish us in ways that were completely inappropriate and abusive. He had one freezing cold shower that he would force us into with another boy, and he would make us touch each other while he watched. He would stand there with a stick, forcing us to do things to each other while he observed. It was humiliating, frightening, and deeply traumatic.

There were many other occasions where he and other members of staff behaved in abusive ways. During the week, the house was busy, but at weekends only a few of us stayed over. That was when things often got worse. He would make us move into another room so he could watch us. He would make us do things to each other and would sit there watching. As a child, I didn't understand why this was happening or how to stop it. I just knew it felt wrong, frightening, and completely overwhelming.

About twenty years ago, I made a report to the police about what had happened. I finally found the courage to speak up, hoping that something would be done. But they told me that he denied it, and the investigation didn't go any further. Hearing that was crushing. It felt like my voice didn't matter and that the abuse I suffered wasn't taken seriously. That lack of justice has stayed with me and added to the emotional weight of everything I went through.

There was a thing where once or twice a year, the doctors and nurses would come in and examine us and check our height, weight etc. They would get us to get naked and check our private parts and things it didn't really seem like there was a reason why they would of done that.

The impact of my time at Kirkmichael has been severe. The physical abuse, the emotional cruelty, and the sexual abuse have all had a lasting effect on my mental health. I ran away multiple times because I couldn't cope with what was happening. I was so distressed and overwhelmed that at one point I even set fire to one of the buildings. That shows just how much the situation pushed me beyond my limits and how desperate I was to escape.

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?

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Redbrae Childrens Home, Maybole

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.

1990-1992

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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During my time there, it was absolutely awful. The staff used to beat us up at every opportunity they got. Instead of looking after us, they would deliberately antagonise us, wind us up, and shout at us. They told us that we would never amount to anything and that our families didn't love us. Hearing that as a young, vulnerable lad was incredibly painful and confusing. It made me feel worthless and completely alone.

They would beat you up for any reason they wanted, and sometimes for no real reason at all. It felt like they were just looking for excuses. We were young and vulnerable, and instead of supporting us, they would try to wind us up just so they could justify hurting us. It was as if they enjoyed having that power over us and used it to control and punish us rather than to guide or protect us.

When they "restrained" us, it didn't feel like restraint — it felt like an attack. They would pin me down with my arm twisted so far up my back that it felt like it was about to snap. There would be one person on each limb, holding me down, and a couple of others hitting me at the same time. I remember feeling completely helpless, unable to move, and terrified of what they might do next. It wasn't just me who went through this. All of the boys there experienced this kind of treatment. We all lived in fear of when it would happen again.

This constant violence and emotional abuse ruined my mental health. Being told I was nothing, being beaten for no reason, and being treated like I didn't matter has had a lasting impact on me. I carried a lot of fear, anger, and confusion from that time. It affected how I saw myself and how I trusted other people. Instead of feeling like a child who was being cared for, I felt like I was living in a place where I was constantly under threat.

Looking back, my time there was one of the most damaging periods of my life. The way we were treated has stayed with me, and it continues to affect my mental wellbeing even now.

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).

The Geilsland House Approved School Geilsland Road, Beith, Ayrshire,

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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During my time at Geisland School, it was the worst experience out of all the places I had been. Everything about it felt bad from the start. The staff were horrible, and the things they used to do to us were completely unacceptable. They would beat us up regularly, and the atmosphere was always tense and frightening. It felt like there was no safety, no support, and no moment where we could relax or feel like children.

The abuse was so bad that many of us tried to run away. But even that wasn't simple, because they had people patrolling around the town looking for anyone who had managed to escape. It was like being hunted. If you ran away, they would round up a group of about fifteen to twenty kids, throw them into the back of a van, and make them hunt you down like prey. The idea of children being used to track down other children was terrifying. When they caught you, they would beat you up and drag you back. There was no compassion, no attempt to understand why we were running — just punishment and violence.

I was beaten almost every other day, if not every day. It became normal to expect it, which is something no child should ever have to feel. There was even a man working there who had been a professional football player for clubs in Scotland. Instead of being a positive influence or a role model, he was involved in beating kids up when he wasn't playing football. Knowing that someone who had a career and a public life could behave like that behind closed doors made the whole situation feel even more frightening.

All of this had a huge impact on my mental health. Living in constant fear, being treated like nothing, and being hunted down when trying to escape left deep emotional scars. I ran away multiple times because I couldn't cope with the abuse, the violence, and the feeling of being trapped. The trauma from Geisland School has stayed with me throughout my life, and it continues to affect me even now.

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).

Ridgepark School Lanarkshire

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.

1995 - 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?

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During my time at Ridgepark, there were loads of things that happened that should never have happened to any child. One incident that has always stayed with me was when a member of staff handcuffed me to a radiator. I was left there for about two or three hours because they said they had lost the key. I remember feeling scared, confused, and completely helpless. Being restrained like that made me feel like I didn't matter at all, and it showed me very early on that the staff there had no intention of looking after us properly.

The staff were awful in general. They used to beat us up on a regular basis, and it wasn't just the odd slap or push — they would beat us black and blue. It wasn't only me who went through this; it happened to all of the kids. We were all vulnerable, and instead of being cared for, we were battered and treated like we were nothing. The violence became something we expected, which is something no child should ever have to feel.

They would hit us for any reason they wanted, and sometimes for no reason at all. There was no safety, no comfort, and no sense that any adult there cared about our wellbeing. Living in that constant fear had a huge impact on me. I felt trapped in a place where the people who were supposed to protect us were the ones causing the harm.

Because of everything that was happening, my mental health suffered badly. I ran away multiple times because I couldn't cope with the abuse and the fear. Running away felt like the only way I could escape, even if it was only temporary. The environment pushed me to a breaking point, and the emotional damage from that time has stayed with me throughout my life.

Looking back, Ridgepark was one of the most traumatic places I was ever in. The physical abuse, the emotional cruelty, and the complete lack of care have had a lasting effect on my mental health. The things I experienced there shaped me in ways I am still trying to understand, and the memories of what happened continue to affect me even now.

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?

If you want help before sending in the form, you can:

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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)

If you would like to contact a case worker

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