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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

Gavin McClymont

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).

Dunhaven house in strathaven- here for around 2 years

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.

1960-1963

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.

Staff

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).

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.

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.

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Your statement for Care setting 3

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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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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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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)

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Statement Addendum

Client Name: Gavin Mcclymont
Date of Birth: 18/12/1952
Care Setting: Dunhaven house in strathaven- here for around 2 years
Dates: 1960-1963
Persons Involved: Staff

Full Statement

I was around 8 years old when I was taken from my family home. To this day, I still do not properly understand why I was removed. There was no real explanation given to me that I could understand as a child. One day I was at home, and the next I was taken away and placed into Dunhaven House in Strathaven. My life changed overnight.

I remained in Dunhaven House for approximately two years during my first placement there. When I first arrived, I was terrified. I was confused, emotional, and extremely anxious. I did not understand what was happening or why I had been taken away from my family. No one helped settle me in. No one sat with me to explain what was happening. No one comforted me. I felt completely alone from the very beginning.

My first night there was horrific. The environment was chaotic and frightening. The children were feral and aggressive, and I witnessed them being made to fight each other. It was not a safe place for a child. It felt violent and out of control. Straight away, my siblings and I were separated. We were very close and had always supported each other. Losing them in that moment felt like losing the only safety I had left. I was not only scared for myself, but constantly worried about what was happening to them as well. That separation deeply traumatised me.

There was constant bullying in Dunhaven House. The staff allowed it to happen and, at times, actively encouraged division between us. They would play us against

each other. Instead of protecting vulnerable children, they created an environment of fear and humiliation.

I clearly remember members of staff, Mrs Brown and Miss Wilson. They regularly spoke to me in a degrading and cruel manner. They would deliberately embarrass me in front of the other children. They would insult me and belittle me, and the other children would laugh and then torment me further. I was publicly humiliated on many occasions. This destroyed my confidence at such a young age.

Physical abuse was also a regular occurrence. Staff would push me around and hit me around the head. I

was physically assaulted while in their care. When I reacted or became upset, instead of helping me, I was punished.

One of the most traumatic punishments was being sent to what they called a “dorm,” but in reality, it was a single cell with nothing in it except a chair. I was locked inside this room alone for days at a time. As a child, sitting alone in a bare room for days was psychologically unbearable. I felt isolated, abandoned, and completely worthless. It was mental torture. I was regularly called names and made to feel like I was nothing. My body felt weak and drained from constant fear, bullying, and stress. I lived in a permanent state of anxiety.

After approximately two years, I was placed back home with my parents, who had moved to Douglas. I was only home for a few months before I was taken and placed back into Dunhaven House in Strathaven for just over another year.

When I arrived back the second time, I felt immediate panic. I remember the overwhelming sense of dread as I realised I was back in what felt like hell. The panic attacks started almost instantly. Nothing had changed. If anything, things were worse.

The children were more violent, and I was forced into fights regularly. I was targeted again by both children and staff. Not long after returning, I remember Mr Griffiths, who was the head of the home at the time. He singled me out repeatedly. On one occasion, he tried to force me to go to school wearing a girl’s coat. I refused because I felt humiliated. He took me into his room and beat me black and blue. This was not an isolated incident. He physically assaulted me on multiple occasions.

I began running away because I could not cope any longer. I was being tormented daily. I felt trapped. Family visits were stopped during this time, so I had no way to ask for help. I had no voice. No adult stepped in to protect me. I was completely failed by the system that was supposed to keep me safe.

Each time I ran away, I was caught, taken back, beaten, and placed again in the single cell with only a chair as punishment. I remember being locked in there every day for two weeks straight. I genuinely felt like I was going insane. The isolation severely affected me both mentally and physically. I would sit alone for hours and days with nothing but my thoughts and fear. It broke something inside me.

There were also occasions where I was placed into cold baths as punishment. These experiences were degrading and traumatic. I was treated like an animal rather than a child in care.

After just over a year, I was eventually placed back home with my parents. By that point, I had no strength left. I was physically exhausted and emotionally broken. I was not the same child who had been taken away at 8 years old. I felt like my childhood had been stolen from me.

The abuse and mistreatment I suffered at Dunhaven House in Strathaven has had lifelong consequences. I now struggle with severe anxiety, PTSD, and depression. I experience panic attacks, intrusive memories, and flashbacks. I struggle to sleep properly. I remain hypervigilant and constantly on edge, as if something bad is about to happen. I struggle deeply with trust and forming relationships. I find it difficult to believe that

anyone will protect me or treat me properly, because the people who were responsible for my care abused me instead.

The separation from my siblings, the bullying, the beatings, the isolation, the humiliation, and the lack of protection have all had a lasting impact on my mental health and my ability to function normally in life. My confidence was destroyed at a young age. I still carry feelings of worthlessness and fear.

We were failed as children. I was failed by the care system. Instead of being protected, I was subjected to physical abuse, emotional abuse, psychological torment, and neglect. The damage from those years continues to affect me every single day.