

Matthew Bell
c/o MMA Legal Limited

Thursday, 23 April 2026

Dear Matthew,

Walter Harvey – APP336141

My name is Robert Allen and I am the case worker for the Individually Assessed Payemnt application you have submitted on behalf of Walter Harvey to Scotland's Redress Scheme.

Mr Harvey previously submitted a Fixed Rate payment application in October of 2025 and I was also the case worker for that application. I made contact with Mr Harvey on receipt of that application to discuss the contents of his statement of abuse as it appeared that the circumstances of his care placement in Ardgare Children's Home may not be eligible for redress under the scheme.

This is because abuse that happened in short term respite or holiday care, arranged with the consent of a parent or guardian, is not eligible for the scheme. Indeed short term-stays are not eligible even when the child spent a number of consecutive or regularly recurring periods in a short term respite or holiday setting. Further information about this can be found in the statutory guidance on eligibility for the scheme (32 – 36).

[Redress For Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse In Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021: statutory guidance – eligibility – updated April 2025 - gov.scot](#)

Mr Harvey after our conversation, whilst understandably very disappointed, understood why the circumstances of his care placement appeared ineligible. He made the decision to stop his redress application with the view that if there was a change in the legislation underpinning the scheme that brought about a material change to the eligibility criteria bringing short term respite care into the scope of the those care settings considered eligible under the scheme he would re-start his application. For the avoidance of doubt there has been so such change to the eligibility criteria.

After receiving this application I made contact again with Walter who advised me that he was aware that MMA Legal would be applying on his behalf. He explained to me that he had advised the representative from MMA Legal who contacted him that he believed it to be very unlikely that his circumstances would be eligible for redress but that ultimately as he is in no way motivated by the pursuit of financial redress he agreed to allow MMA to apply to the scheme on his behalf.



With that in mind, I am now getting in touch to confirm what is needed now for this application to be progressed. In summary I require:

- Care record(s)
- Statement of abuse
- Supporting documentation
- Confirmation that Mr Harvey does not have any relevant serious convictions

Care record(s)

I require care records to confirm Mr Harvey's placement(s) in Ardgare Children's Home. Please send these to me when they are available.

Statement of Abuse

Mr Harvey provided a statement of abuse with his Fixed Rate payment application. This statement can be used with his Individually Assessed Payment application is that is Mr Harvey's wish. If you preparing a new, or supplementary, statement of abuse for this Individually Assessed Payment application then it should be sent o me when it is ready.

Supporting documentation

An Individually Assessed Payment application requires at least one document to support the statement of abuse. Please send this when it is available.

Confirmation that Mr Harvey does not have any relevant serious convictions

I require a confirmation from Mr Harvey that the statement in his application form that he does not have any relevant serious convictions is true and accurate. Please be advised that I am not in possession of any information whatsoever to indicate that Mr Harvey's declaration is incorrect. I am simply required to check the accuracy of this declaration with every survivor who applies to the scheme.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter please don't hesitate to contact me. My contact details are highlighted below.

Telephone

0808 175 0808 (freephone)

Lines are open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 4pm, excluding Scottish public holidays. There is an answering machine at other times, and if you leave a message we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Email: Robert.90@redress-scheme.scot

Post: [Redress, PO Box 24209, EDINBURGH, EH7 9GT](#)

You can also contact the **Redress Emotional Support Helpline** directly on 0800 211 8403 where you can leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Allen
Case Worker
Scotland's Redress Scheme