

Survivor Forum

NEWSLETTER

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Who we are

The Survivor Forum is a way for you to share your views and experience of applying for Redress.

Through the Forum, we will keep you updated on developments relating to the Redress Scheme as well as inform you of future engagement opportunities.

We welcome any suggestions you have for future editions of this newsletter.

Contact:

survivor.forum@gov.scot

If you no longer wish to receive these newsletters please let us know by emailing the Survivor Forum mailbox above..



Welcome to the latest edition of our Survivor Forum newsletter featuring updates from the Scottish Government and Redress Scotland.

Read on to find out more about:

- The results of our Survivor Forum Survey
- Improvements to guidance and application forms
- Latest Statistics
- Redress Scotland Podcast and new website
- Your say on where Redress Scotland in-person events should be held

Scottish Parliament Election results



Following the election, Scotland's First Minister, John Swinney, has appointed his new Cabinet. The newly appointed Deputy First Minister, Jenny Gilruth, will have responsibility for Scotland's Redress Scheme, underlining the Government's continued commitment to its delivery.

Survivor Forum Survey results 2025–2026

Thank you to everyone who completed our latest survey for Survivor Forum members providing us with feedback on your experience of applying for the Scheme. Your insight into the delivery of the Scheme is invaluable and helps us make improvements where we can.



You can access a summary of the survey findings by clicking the link below. If you would like this report available in an alternative format such as BSL or large print then please contact us by email: survivor.forum@gov.scot or write to FREEPOST SURVIVORS FORUM (no stamp required).

Survey 2025–2026

We will update you on the actions that have been taken as a result of your feedback in our next Survivor Forum annual report.



New application forms and guidance

Application forms for the Scheme have been revised and updated to reflect feedback from survivors, caseworkers, record providers and Redress Scotland. This aims to make the forms clearer and easier for survivors to complete.

The new approach comprises of a Part 1 and Part 2 for both Fixed Rate and Individually Assessed Payments. There is no Part 3 application form.

The new Part 2 form provides much more guidance on the information that should be included within a statement of abuse.

The Help to Apply document has also been updated in order to make this more concise and provide more information where required.

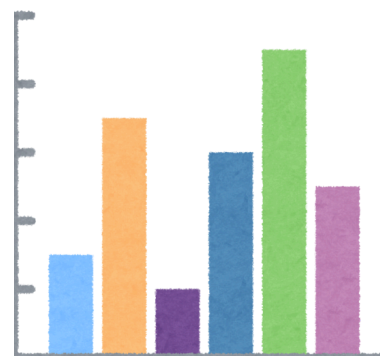
The new materials are available at [Survivor application forms, privacy notice, and "Help to apply" - mygov.scot](#). We are continuing to review and update other materials for consistency, including the next of kin and nominated beneficiary application forms.

Latest Statistics

Redress payments totalling more than £220m have now been made. Since the Scheme opened in December 2021, over 9,800 applications have been received with more than 3,890 applicants accepting an offer of payment.

If you would like to learn more about our progress, we regularly publish updates, scheme statistics and further information in the Publications section of our website:

[Publications - gov.scot](#)





Redress Scotland

Redress Scotland Podcast

Redress Scotland Voices podcast episode is now live and can be found on our website as well as Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music and Deezer. Episode 1 features Redress Scotland chief executive Joanna McCreadie who joins us to chat all about the beginnings of the organisation and the changes we have gone through in the 4 years since its inception. In the second episode we speak to the Redress Support Service and in the third episode we take a look at the Redress Scotland panel sitting day process.

We aim to have new episodes out every 6 weeks. If you have any feedback on these episodes please get in touch as we would love to hear what you think.'

Website Update

Our website re-design work is now complete following a lengthy process to ensure survivors can quickly and confidently find the support and resources they need.

The new layout was designed to ensure that all pages and resources were no more than two clicks from the landing page.

Work will continue on making the website as user-friendly as possible and we will be updating the 'Our People' page to include photos of our senior management team as well as additional Redress Scotland staff and will be adding an FAQs section and a glossary to help people better understand some of the words we use.

[Welcome to Redress Scotland](#)

Redress Scotland Survivor Engagement Annual Report 2025-26 is now available. Here is the link to the report - [Annual Report 2025-2026](#)

Redress Scotland in-person events



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We are planning in-person events and are keen to know where would be the best place to have these. We would appreciate it if you could click on the link or scan the QR code to fill in the very short survey.

REDRESS SCOTLAND IN-PERSON EVENTS – FILL IN FORM

If you are unable to access on-line information please let us know your view by contacting survivor.forum@gov.scot or using Freepost Survivor Forum envelope provided



The Redress Support Service **Emotional Support Helpline** is here for you at any time, if you ever feel you need someone to talk to.

You can phone free on **0800 211 8403** if you are in the United Kingdom, or **+44 131 211 8403** if you are calling from outside the UK. You can leave a message and someone will get back to you.

thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for your continued involvement in the Survivor Forum. We truly value your engagement and will continue to listen and act on your feedback to make improvements wherever we can .