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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**

Duncan Prowse

**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).

DREGHORN CHILDRENS HOME

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.

1998

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.

When we were placed here, it was not actually a children's home. It was a hostel for young people who were preparing to leave care. I was far too young to be in that environment. I remember there was a 16 or 17-year-old girl called Laura still living there. I also have a booklet of photos from that time, and it is clearly labelled as a hostel, which confirms this. Being placed in that setting at such a young age was completely inappropriate and unsafe for me.

During my time there, I found the environment horrible and very isolating. I remember being upset most of the time and feeling constantly scared. The staff spoke to us in a very harsh and degrading way, and there was no sense of care or protection. Instead of feeling supported, I felt intimidated and alone.

I was often made fun of during my time there, which had a serious impact on my self-esteem and my sense of identity. I felt like I was constantly being judged and rejected for who I was. As a young child, this was extremely confusing and painful to experience, and it has had lasting effects on how I see myself.

We were singled out because we were Travellers. The staff would deliberately embarrass us because of the way we spoke. We had our own language, but instead of respecting that, they would mock us. I remember being sat down and forced to speak English, and if we spoke in our own language, we would be punished. This made me feel ashamed of my background and identity.

This has had a long-term impact on me. As I got older and tried to reconnect with my travelling family, I found it difficult to communicate properly. The way I had been treated changed my views and caused problems within my relationships with my family. I struggled to hold conversations and felt disconnected from my own identity. This has had a deep and lasting impact on my mental health.

Because of this treatment, I became very withdrawn. I stopped speaking as much, especially in that environment, because I was afraid of being laughed at or humiliated. This has affected my confidence and my ability to express myself, not just then but throughout my adult life. I still struggle with communication and social interaction to this day.

We were often left to ourselves and neglected. There was very little supervision or care. The staff were not supportive and showed no understanding. Instead, they would call me names, including calling me "stupid." I also remember one specific staff member calling me "fat" and physically assaulting me by slapping me around the back of the head. I was only a small child at the time, and this treatment had a severe impact on me both physically and emotionally.

The impact of my time there has been long-lasting and severe. I have struggled to build and maintain relationships, and my mental health has been significantly affected. Over the years, I have required support from mental health services, including being in mental hospitals. I have suffered deeply with feelings of rejection and have experienced suicidal thoughts as a result of what I went through.

Looking back, I feel that I was placed in an environment that was completely unsuitable for a child of my age and that I was not protected or cared for in the way I should have been. The experiences I went through there have had a profound and lasting impact on my life, and I continue to suffer the effects of that trauma to this day.

## 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).

MARGARET AND GORDON- FOSTER FAMILY

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**Q2 | When were you abused?**

For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

2002

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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**Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:**

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See Attached

## 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).

Seaton Terrace

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.

2003

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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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](http://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
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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).

Mackellar childrens home

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**Q2 | When were you abused?**

For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

2003

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
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When I arrived, no one settled me in or asked about my wellbeing. From the very beginning, I was bullied and spoken to in a very harsh and degrading way. It was not treated as a safe placement. I was not given a bedroom, but instead I was forced to stay in a second living room. I was excluded and kept on my own. At times, staff locked me in this room as a punishment, and I was often not allowed to leave the home at all.

There was also an incident with a neighbour who attacked me with a pitch shaft. Although he later came to apologise, the staff at the care home did nothing to support me. Instead, they blamed me and acted as though I was at fault, even after he admitted what he had done. This left me feeling unsafe and not believed.

The staff in this placement were also physically rough with me and would restrain me forcefully. My sister was also in the placement, and we would sometimes argue or fight due to the stressful environment we were in. On one occasion, my tooth was knocked out by a plate during an incident. Despite this injury, the staff did not take me to the dentist. Instead, they locked me in my room in pain for around 10 hours. I was left untreated and distressed.

The environment created by the staff also caused conflict between me and my siblings. They seemed to allow and even ignore the fact that we were becoming aggressive towards each other. Rather than protecting us or helping us cope, they watched as we took our frustration out on one another.

Food provision was poor. We were given food, but it was often cold and stale. The older children were allowed to cook their own meals, but I was not given the same opportunity. Instead, I was expected to manage on my own and was left with basic, low-quality food such as noodles and instant meals. I was treated as though I should be independent, despite still being a child and struggling emotionally.

During this time, I was grieving, confused, and extremely upset. I was missing my siblings and felt very alone. Staff would laugh at me, torment me, and call me names. I felt completely helpless, with nowhere to turn. At times, I felt suicidal, and I did not believe anyone cared about my wellbeing.

These experiences had a serious impact on my mental health, causing PTSD, anxiety, and depression. I felt abandoned and emotionally unsafe throughout my time there. The only support I had was from my social worker, who I remember as kind and supportive, but I rarely saw her, and I felt too scared to speak openly about what was happening.

I was in this placement for around a few months, but the impact of that time has stayed with me ever since.

I also remember an incident where I cut my wrist. I told the staff that I had injured myself, but I was told it was not serious enough to go to hospital and was sent to bed. The next day I had lost a significant amount of blood, and I was urgently taken to hospital. I had glass in my wrist and required an

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](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**

13/04/2026

## 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)

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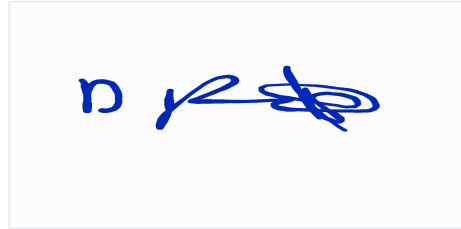
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