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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

Paul Carroll

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).

HM Prison Barlinnie

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.

1999

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.

I was first brought here when I was 15 years old and held here for around a few weeks. On arrival, I was extremely scared, emotional, and completely unaware of what was happening to me. I was just a young boy, confused and frightened, and I was placed straight into a male prison environment. I did not understand why I was there or what was going to happen to me, and there was no one to explain anything or offer reassurance.

From the moment I arrived, I was subjected to abuse. I was physically abused and sexually abused by officers daily and the inmates, they would beat me around. They would force me to do things, and if I refused, I was beaten severely—left black and blue by both staff and inmates. I was constantly bullied and intimidated. I was only a child surrounded by adults, and I felt completely powerless. There was no protection for me at all. No one helped me, and no one cared about what was happening. Both inmates and officers sexually abused me, and I had nowhere to turn.

This experience had a very serious impact on me. I was terrified for my life every single day I was there. I lived in constant fear, not knowing when the next assault or abuse would happen. I felt trapped, helpless, and completely alone. Those weeks felt endless, and the fear and trauma I experienced during that time have stayed with me ever since.

After a few weeks, I was granted bail and released. However, the relief was short-lived. When I was around 17 years old, I was placed back in the same environment. Being sent back brought all the fear and trauma straight back to the surface. The sexual abuse continued, and I was once again subjected to physical violence. I was beaten and physically bullied every single day.

This period of my life has had a lasting and devastating impact on my mental health and my life as a whole. I have struggled with ongoing fear, anxiety, and emotional distress. The experiences I went through as a child in that environment have affected my ability to feel safe, trust others, and live a normal life. I continue to carry the trauma of what happened to me, and it has shaped how I see the world and how I cope day to day.

Your statement for Care setting 2

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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).

HMYOI Polmont

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.

2000

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Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?

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Your statement for Care setting 2 continued

I was 16 when I was placed in Polmont. On arrival there for the first time, I was terrorised right away. It was an extremely scary, traumatic, and fearful experience from the very beginning. I was just a child, and I remember feeling completely overwhelmed and frightened by everything around me.

The other children there were feral. There was constant fighting, bullying, and aggression. I was surrounded by violence every day, and I had no way to escape it. At the same time, the staff were also abusive. They would beat us and lock us away. I was always beaten badly while I was there. It became a normal part of my daily life to expect violence, whether it was from the other children or from the staff.

We were forced to urinate and defecate in our pants, and the staff would stand and watch us, making us do this deliberately to terrorise and humiliate us. This was degrading and deeply distressing. It stripped me of any dignity I had left and made me feel completely worthless and powerless.

I was not allowed family visits at times, and on the occasions when they were allowed, I was bullied and intimidated into not saying anything about what was happening to me. I felt completely silenced and trapped, knowing that I could not tell anyone the truth about the abuse I was suffering.

Although the sexual abuse did not happen here, the mental and physical abuse was severe and constant. It has had a very serious and lasting impact on my mental health. I was living in a constant state of fear, anxiety, and distress. I was suffering every day and felt completely petrified throughout my time there.

I was held there for approximately 18 months, and during that time I endured ongoing beatings from both staff and other children. I was frequently locked away in a cupboard, isolated and terrified. The staff would target my body when they beat me, causing pain and injury that I had to endure in silence.

On one occasion, I was choked with a pillowcase by a member of staff as a form of punishment. I genuinely feared for my life during incidents like this. I did not know if I was going to survive. These experiences have stayed with me and continue to affect me deeply.

The impact of everything I went through in Polmont has been devastating and long-lasting. It has severely affected my mental health, leaving me with ongoing traumatic PTSD, anxiety

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?

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HM Prison Glenochil

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Q2 | When were you abused?

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

2001

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Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?

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Your statement for Care setting 3 continued

I was 17 years old when I was placed in Glenochil, and while I was there, the abuse continued and never stopped. From the moment I arrived, I was once again subjected to the same treatment. The staff would beat me and drag me out of my room. I was constantly locked away and bullied. The staff would take us and drag us into isolation and keep us there for days at a time, completely cut off and left in fear.

Food was not always an option in there. There were times when we were made aware that things had been put into our food so that we would not eat it. I remember finding cigarettes and rubbish hidden in my meals. This made me feel like we were being treated as less than human. We were treated like animals, with no care, dignity, or basic respect.

The environment with the other children was also violent and abusive. I was made to fight other children, which added to the fear and harm I was already experiencing. I remember one specific incident where I was coming out of the showers and a certain officer made comments about my private parts and laughed. This left me feeling deeply embarrassed, humiliated, and small. It affected my self-worth and added to the emotional trauma I was already carrying.

I was constantly in pain due to the way I was restrained. The staff would bend our arms back and sit on us, taking our breath away as a way to control us. These restraints were excessive and frightening, and I often felt like I could not breathe and was going to pass out or worse. I lived in constant fear of when this would happen again.

I was in Glenochil for around 8 months, and throughout that entire time I was scared, upset, and petrified. The abuse and treatment I experienced there had a severe and lasting impact on my mental health. By this point, I was already deeply affected by what I had gone through in other places, and this only made things worse.

After Glenochil, I was placed back into Barlinnie Prison. By then, my mental health had deteriorated significantly. I have struggled ever since to build relationships with people and to trust anyone. What I went through in these places has had a devastating effect on my life. I feel that it has ruined my life in many ways.

As a result of the trauma, I developed problems with alcohol and drug addiction as a way to mask the pain and cope with what I had been through. I was self-medicating to try and escape the memories and feelings. Although I am now clean, the damage remains. I do not feel like I will ever be the same person I could have been.

I continue to suffer with severe anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and depression. These conditions affect me daily. I struggle with intrusive memories and I will never ever be my self again

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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Q2 | When were you abused?
For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

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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

Do you want help
with this section?

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

- read page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance
- 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

18/03/2026

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:

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- **International:** +44 131 297 6500
Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm
(except Scottish public holidays)
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