

Survivor Supplementary Statement

Date Completed: 22/06/30

Survivor full name: Edward Kane Hart

Other known name: None

DOB: 10/10/1960

Redress Priority: Low

Serious Criminal Convictions: None

Mother's Name: Susan Hart

Father's Name: James Hart

Name of Care Home: St Andrews List D School

Age in care: 12-15

Reason for going into care: Truancy – decided by a children's panel

1.Introduction

My name is Edward Hart. I am making this statement to share my experiences of being in care as a child and the impact these experiences have had on my life. Some of the details are difficult for me to talk about, and some memories are clearer than others, but I will describe what I remember to the best of my ability. I understand that my records from the time are limited or incomplete, and I want to explain my experiences in my own words.

2.My time in Care – Overview

I was sent here to St Andrew's at 12 years old by a children's panel for being truant from school. The reason I was refusing to attend school was because I had severe eczema and my schoolteachers were forcing me to do gym. I was sent to St Andrews for a few years and lived the next few years of my life in fear.

St Andrews List D School

I was number 42, as all children residing here were given a number. They would call your name and your number. The staff spoke to me like absolute rubbish the full time I was here. They would shout and swear at me at all times. I would be threatened with getting washing powder in my mouth for even daring to answer back when spoken to. If you ever were cheeky this was the treatment you would receive.

I was never starved as such, but if I did not like the food placed down in front of me then I would wait until my next meal. I was often locked in a cell which was referred to as the digger. This would be for days at a time with only a mattress inside. My meals would be brought down to me, but I would have no interaction with anyone. There were no toilet facilities within the cell, and I would need to get a staff member's attention to use a restroom.

Showers would be taken by a few of the boys at a time with a staff member always standing watching, so I would have no privacy. This caused me great embarrassment as I was ridiculed for my eczema. There was schooling within St Andrews, however there was not much of an

education, with teachers not teaching us much at all. It was only as an adult that I learned how to read and write. Instead, I was forced to do work such as joinery and building from the ages of 12 to 16.

I received the belt/ sometimes a cane on a few occasions. I would be taken into a small side room and would get belted by the headmaster on my bare legs and backside. I was only ever allowed to see my family once a month when my father usually visited me. It was a sad existence for me as I missed my family. I was forced to go to church every Sunday even though I had not attended church before. There were constant fights between the residents, as we were all from different areas, and this would cause fights almost daily.

I was made to feel worthless in St Andrews, never shown any love or care. I was just a number to them, number 42.

3.Emotional and Long-Term Impact

After my time in care, I felt completely lost in the outside world and felt scared. My mental health was affected, and with not having much of an education it left me with no tools to face life in the outside world.

4.Closing Statement

I am making this statement to help Redress Scotland understand what happened to me and how it has affected me. I am doing this in the hope that my experiences will be acknowledged and that I can continue to move forward in my life.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

Signed: Edward Hart

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