

## **SUPPORT STATEMENT**

### **SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS**

**Survivor Name:** Thomas Harper

**Date of Birth:** 06/10/1978

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### **SECTION B — Supporting Person Details**

**Name:** Dionne Mills

**Relationship to Survivor:** Partner

**Length of Relationship:** 1 year.

### **Purpose of This Statement**

I am providing this statement in support of the above survivors Redress Scotland application. I know them personally and wish to offer information about their experiences they shared with me, and the impact this has had on their life.

### **What the Survivor shared with me**

Thomas opened up to me regarding his time in custody as a teenager. In particular he confided in me about a particular incident that happened whilst he and other young offenders were kept overnight in HMP Barlinnie with adult male convicts which happened to be in the sex offenders' wing.

He told me about the time he went to shower, and 2 adult male prisoners grabbed him whilst touching him inappropriately in the showers which were not being supervised by any staff. These men were pulling at him and trying to secure him down and Thomas truly believes he was about to be raped if it weren't for a few others coming into the bathroom which seemed to stop the incident going further.

I believe that Thomas tried to block this incident out and struggled to come to terms with the fact he was sexually assaulted as he only confided in 1 other person which was his dad, who has sadly since passed away.

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**Impact to the Survivor that I have observed**

Since telling me I have actively encouraged him to confide in you so that it can be documented however I am aware how difficult he finds it to even talk about it. From my personal perspective, his time in care has had an impact on him throughout his life and his mental health.

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**Supporting Statement Declaration**

I offer this statement to support the named survivor's application. Everything I have written is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. It reflects what I was personally told by the survivor, and what I have personally observed during the time I have known them.

**Name:** Dionne Mills

**Date:** 27/07/2026