

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: William Jaap

Date of Birth: 08/01/1970

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Carole Martin

Relationship to Survivor: Close friend

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

I've known William as a very close friend for over 25 years, and we were in a relationship for 16 of those. He's a heavy smoker and been drinking and using drugs since he was 13 years of age. He's a registered alcoholic and his dependency on drink and drugs is what ended our relationship sadly. I did everything I could to try to help him, and he's had support from proper places too, but he'd soon be back on it.

William had a very tough childhood with a lot of domestic abuse at home from his mother. His mother was an alcoholic and would send him out to buy alcohol for her and even gave him alcohol as a child. She was very abusive towards him, especially verbally. He told me about one incident at home when she tried to hit him with a red-hot poker, but she missed William and the poker hit a door instead. He also witnessed his mum slash her wrists once and she blamed him as the reason she did it, saying he was a black cloud to her. When he was in care he didn't want to go home at the weekends so would run away. He told me people would treat a dog better than his mum treated him.

I believe he was placed into care after his mum passed away. He told me he was forced to go to chapel at one place, which he really hated doing. If he didn't toe the line the nuns there would hit him with a ruler to discipline him and would make him wear old clothes that didn't fit him, so he ran away a lot. He also mentioned about being hit a lot by staff at the care homes.

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

William had told me I was the only person he felt comfortable with as he didn't trust anybody else. He doesn't really have a relationship with his kids even as he said he doesn't know how to. He gets very frustrated and angry over what happened to him but not in an aggressive way. He cries after drinking and gets very emotional.

He's the way he is after being in care as that time in his life really affected him. He didn't have a normal, loving childhood. Now he's quite ill with kidney disease and liver cirrhosis as well as other things so I don't think he's going to have that long to live.

Supporting Statement confirmation

I offer this statement to support the above survivor's application. Everything I have written reflects what they have shared with me and what I have personally observed during the time I have known them.

Name: Carole Martin

Date: 28/04/2026