

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: James Wilson

Date of Birth: 14/08/1986

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Dylan Rodgers

Relationship to Survivor: Friend over 30 years

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 know most of the stuff James has been through since we were kids. I know he was initially put into foster cares and then into homes and then after the homes he was put into secure units. James has told me the ins and outs of what was happening to him but because we were younger, we didn't really realise how wrong it was until we got older. I actually saw him being grabbed and restrained a few times when I was visiting him at one of the homes. This was when we were kids, I can't remember exactly which homes it was. I remember one of the male staff members was shouting at home and dragging him across the move. I remember thinking at the time I need to be behaving and sorting myself out because I can't get put somewhere like this and be treated like that. As we have gotten older, we do talk about it sometimes and he has realised now that it wasn't right the way he was treated, being grabbed and restrained and things like that. I didn't witness all of this behaviour, but he told me about it.

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

As we have gotten older and James was able to get away from it all, we sometimes would talk about it and it was obvious that it had given him a mental scar. James has explained that it is something he will remember for the rest of his days. He has always told his own kids behave because you do not want to end up in care or in a home trust

me. Something that happened to him has definitely scarred his brain in some way. Because I have known him since we were kids it is hard for me to judge exactly what the impact of his time there was as I have known him for so long and we were younger at the time but it has without a doubt had a big effect on him and knocked him a bit of the rails. Since he left James has always been unsettled and very cautious and aware of his awareness. Even if we would go away for a weekend or whatever he would always be on edge watching the people around him with caution and I would always have to tell him to relax and calm down.

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: Dylan Rodgers

Date: 25/08/2026

Method: Phone call