

Section A - Survivor Details

Survivor Name: Stephen Peter Burrows
Date of Birth: 30th March 1965

Section B - Supporting Person Details

Name: Andrew Burrows
Relationship to Survivor: Brother
Length of Relationship: all of Stephen's life
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.

Stephen has shared with me several times in the past, that while he was in the children's care system he was repeatedly physically and sexually abused by older boys and male staff members. I didn't press him for intimate details of the sexual abuse as I could see how hard it was for him to try to share this with me. Stephen was in several children's homes, after a couple of times in Cardross assessment centre. He was initially there to give our mum respite. He told me that the abuse began there and continued in the other homes he was in until he came out of the care system. He also shared that he had thought about suicide on more than one occasion as a result of the abuse he suffered.

The care homes he was in were
Redhugh in Kilbirnie in Ayrshire, the abuser was a male staff member

A List D school Beath he couldn't recall the name of it, the abusers were older boys and a male staff member

Dumbarton children's home the abuser was a male member of staff

St Joseph's in Glasgow the abuse by more than one male member of staff

Blair Vardoch Outside Helensburgh
Physical sexual and emotional abuse by more than one male member of staff.

The homes may not be in chronological order as Stephen only shared the information years after the abuse took place and after we had been drinking. I remember visiting him at the home in Kilbirnie when I was on leave from the army, although he was glad to see me he seemed withdrawn not the happy brother I remembered

Impact on the Survivor that I have observed

Stephen has suffered damage to his mental health and self worth as a result of the abuse he suffered while in the care system, he has a deep distrust in people in authority that should've cared for him during this time, it also affected his belief that he could be happy. He's had periods of deep depression, even when he was married and had a family or in other relationships expected the worse to happen sometimes self sabotaging them so he felt he had some control over events in his life. He self medicated sometimes with alcohol and sometimes drugs. He suffers from anxiety and panic attacks.

supporting Statement confirmation

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

Name: Andrew Burrows
Date: 13th May 2026