

SUPPORT STATEMENT

SECTION A — SURVIVOR DETAILS

Survivor Name: Garry Millar

Date of Birth: 13/11/1974

SECTION B — Supporting Person Details

Name: Maureen Woodside

Relationship to Survivor: Partner

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'm writing a supporting statement for Garry Millar regarding his time in care in relation to the abuse he received whilst in custody at Polmont young offenders institution.

Garry and my son who has also served time in Polmont, have on occasions whilst drinking together compared experiences from their time in custody, mainly about the behaviour of what they call the screws towards them.

Garry on a few occasions has shared events regarding treatment he received from them in forms of bullying by certain officers. I can confirm he has multiple times told us about the time they set him up with a knife, dragged him to the solitary confinement section, strip searched him then instructed him to bend over and part his cheeks where he was kicked hard between the legs by one of the officers then set upon by a few of them whilst cowering in the foetal position and then left freezing for hours naked in a dark cold cell.

He has also discussed the gang mentality of the officers at that time where every day bullying was taken as standard behaviour of losing your dignity as a punishment for being incarcerated so as not to do it again.

Impact to the Survivor that I have observed

I grew up with Garry as a child through attending the same school and living in the same area of Castlemilk, so I know this has changed his behaviour from when we were kids.

He has become more aggressive and spiteful of people, in general not trusting and very short fused even though he tries to stay calm in certain situations but seems to bottle a lot up. I understand that life can do that to someone in itself but when he came out of Polmont he had changed as a person in such a short space of time.

I hope this helps as he hasn't had a good time of it lately although he seems to distance himself a lot from everyone so it's hard to understand what's going on in his head.

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: *Miss Maureen Woodside*

Date: *11/08/2027*