

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 3**

For individually assessed payment applicants

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Section 1: Personal details

This information will be used to join together Part 1 and Part 3 of your application forms.

Name

Lee Mclelland

Date of birth

Day 30 Month 05 Year 1983

The next section asks you to write your statement of abuse.

Section 2: Your statement of abuse

Please refer to page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance when filling in this form.

Please make sure that whatever way you provide your statement, you include all the information Redress Scotland needs to make a decision. You can find out more on page 35 of “Help to apply”.

You may find that writing this brings up feelings or memories. If you need support you can speak to a case worker who can refer you to further help:

- **Telephone:** 0808 175 0808 (freephone)
- **International:** +44 131 297 6500
Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm (except Scottish public holidays)
- **Email:** apply@redress-scheme.scot

Providing your statement of abuse

In Part 1, you will have provided information about any relevant care settings you were abused in.

In Part 3, you need to provide a statement about your abuse. You can choose how you want to provide your statement. You can complete Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4. Or you can:

- submit a previous statement (for example, a copy of a statement given to the police)
- write your statement in another format that is better suited to you

How to complete this section

You may have been abused in one relevant care setting, or in several different ones.

For this part of the application form, please provide a statement about each care setting you were abused in.

For example, if you were abused in 3 relevant care settings, please provide 3 statements.

You can do this in any order that makes sense to you.

There are pages for 4 care settings included in this form. If you need more copies, you can:

- contact a case worker
- make a copy yourself
- print additional pages from mygov.scot/redress

Please remember:

- there are no wrong answers - if Redress Scotland needs more or different information, your case worker will get in touch with you and let you know
- do not worry about your spelling
- use as much or as little space as you need to give your information - you can continue on additional pages if you want to

Your statement for Care setting 1

Please read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance before you begin.

In Part 1, you will have already provided information about the care settings you were abused in. By providing this information here, your case worker can join together the name of the care setting with your statement of abuse.

Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

(For example, the name of the care home, or the city or region where you lived in foster care or while boarded out).

Bellsford House Children's Home

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

Q2 | When were you abused?
For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

1995

You do not have to provide names, if you cannot remember or do not feel comfortable doing so. If you do provide a name it will be passed to Police Scotland.

Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?
For example: a member of staff, a peer or someone outside the care setting.

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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
- what life was like for you during this time
- how the people responsible for your care and welfare failed to carry out that duty (within or beyond your care setting)

You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

Please read page 36 of “Help to apply” to find out more about what information you may want to include.

Background

When I was 11, I was sexually assaulted. This had an awful effect on my mental health. I was placed into Bellsford because me and my family couldn't cope with the effect of the assault. I was suicidal and running away from home, it got to a point that where they couldn't handle me anymore. I was doing anything to not be sober and turned suicidal. I started using gas and deodorant cans, in the hope it would numb the pain.

My time in Bellsford started with with psychological abuse by making us abuse substances. The staff and cleaners would bring heroin in and give us the drugs, make us use them and video us, I was only 12.

The staff treated me as though I was a problem to be controlled, rather than a traumatised child who needed care and support. If I stepped out of line or struggled with my behaviour, they would respond with violence. I was slammed onto the floor, kicked down the stairs, and held face down into sofas to the point where I struggled to breathe. Instead of helping me to cope with the trauma I had already experienced, they used fear and physical force to control me. The abuse and mistreatment were constant. It happened every day. The children would often throw plates at each other, but instead of stepping in to stop the violence, the staff would pick the plates up and throw them back at us. They would drag us up the stairs, kick us, and physically assault us instead of protecting us. When they took us on day trips, they continued to humiliate us in public. On several occasions, I was slapped in front of other families. I remember one member of staff elbowing me, and another man asked him, "What are you doing to your boy?" The staff member replied, "He's not mine, he's a care boy." Hearing those words made me feel completely unwanted and worthless. We were constantly embarrassed, degraded, and made to believe that we did not matter. The staff also exposed us to completely inappropriate situations. They bought us alcohol and allowed boys and girls to sleep in the same rooms. Although we were children in their care and they had a legal duty to protect us, they would sometimes throw us out of the home for days at a time. On one occasion, I had nowhere to go and ended up sleeping on open ground beside the care home. The owner saw me and, rather than asking if I was safe or needed help, immediately called the police. I was taken to the police station, where I told the officers what had been happening to me at the care home. Instead of protecting me or investigating what I had disclosed, they kept me there over the weekend as a form of discipline before returning me to the very place where I had been abused.

Your statement for Care setting 2

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Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

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Kilmaurs Children's home

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Q2 | When were you abused?
For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

1996

You do not have to provide names, if you cannot remember or do not feel comfortable doing so. If you do provide a name it will be passed to Police Scotland.

Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?
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I was already struggling to cope with everything I had been through before I arrived at this home. I had hoped that being placed there would mean I would finally receive the care, safety, and support that I desperately needed, but that was not my experience.

I have blocked out much of my childhood, but I clearly remember being locked in the loft for a day and a half. There were two or three other children locked up there with me. Instead of being cared for, I was isolated and treated as though I did not matter. Throughout my time there, I was never shown the care, kindness, or compassion that a child should receive. I felt lonely, isolated, and completely alone. I felt abused, unwanted, and as though nobody cared about my wellbeing.

Your statement for Care setting 3

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Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

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Jailsland in Ayrshire

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

Q2 | When were you abused?

For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

1997 - 1999

You do not have to provide names, if you cannot remember or do not feel comfortable doing so. If you do provide a name it will be passed to Police Scotland.

Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?

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This is where all the chaos proper started. They treated us like gullible naive kids. I remember the staff, They would take us to their houses and make us smoke smoke hash (pure cannabis) and take pure codeine. One of them took me shooting, he was also a drug dealer. From a young age I was exposed to violence and forced to do drugs, I never had any hope of a future. On several occasions, a few of us tried to escape by climbing out of the back windows. The staff would be waiting for us outside. If they caught us trying to leave, they would beat us and force us back into our rooms. I remember being left with black eyes as a result of the violence they used against us. Rather than asking why we were so desperate to escape, they responded with fear, intimidation, and further abuse. The violence was extreme and relentless. On several occasions, the staff choked me until I lost consciousness. They would deliberately cut off my breathing until I passed out. They also encouraged violence between the children. They would force us to fight each other, egging us on and refusing to let us stop until one of us was lying on the floor, covered in blood. Instead of protecting us, they created an environment where violence was encouraged and used as a form of control and entertainment. Certain children would be selected and taken away for what the staff called "recreation." I remember at least two boys who were sexually abused during these occasions. The staff would take them into the recreation room and warn them, "If you tell anyone, you're coming back next time." I remember the overwhelming feeling of fear and the constant worry that I would be next. The recreation room was located beside the office and was the only part of the home that visiting families and professionals ever saw. It appeared normal from the outside, but it was not monitored. What happened behind those closed doors went unseen, allowing the staff to abuse children without anyone knowing what was taking place. One member of staff even paid me to assault another child. I felt I had no choice because if I refused, I knew I would be the one who was hurt. The staff created an environment where you had to stay on their good side to survive. You either did what they told you and tried to be their friend, or you became their target. We were manipulated into hurting each other out of fear of what the staff would do to us if we didn't obey.

The psychological impact of everything I experienced has stayed with me throughout my life. I continue to suffer from the mental anguish caused by the abuse and the way I was treated. I struggle with severe social anxiety and find it extremely difficult to trust people or feel safe around others. I have never been able to live what I would consider a normal life, as the trauma continues to affect my relationships, my confidence, and my ability to cope with everyday situations.

Your statement for Care setting 4

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Do you want help
with this section?

If you want help before sending in the form, you can:

- read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance
- contact a case worker

The next section has questions about your supporting documents.

Section 3: Supporting documents

Please provide any supporting documents you have related to your abuse in care.

You can find out more about these types of documents on page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance.

In some cases, it may be difficult to find supporting documents. To help with this part of the application, you can:

- include supporting documents when you send this part of the form, if you already have them
- send in your form without any supporting documents – your case worker will get in touch with you and have a conversation about what you can provide

Please tick which option you have chosen:

- ☒ I am including supporting documents with my form
- ☒ I am not including supporting documents
(if you tick this, a case worker will contact you)
- ☒ I am collecting my documents and will submit them a later date

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The next section has a declaration you must sign and details about how your information is kept and shared.

Section 4: Declaration and privacy notice

In this section, you must sign your form.

For information about how Scotland's Redress Scheme will record and protect your personal information, please read the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme. You can find this on mygov.scot/redress.

Before you send your application you must agree to these statements:

I confirm that the details and information I have given in this application form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that I must notify Scotland's Redress Scheme of changes in my circumstances that may affect my application.

I confirm that if any of the information I gave in Part 1, Section 8 (related to previous payments and convictions) changes, I must let my case worker know.

I confirm that any documents I have provided in support of my application are genuine and any copy is a true copy of the original. I understand that if I provide a document which is not genuine, I may be subject to court proceedings.

I understand that if I give false or misleading information in support of my application or make a fraudulent application I may:

- be subject to court proceedings
- have to re-pay any money I was not entitled to

I confirm I have read and understood the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme which explains how the information I provide will be lawfully used and stored.

Your signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McDonald', is written inside a rectangular box.

Date

17/07/2026

Next steps

This is the end of Part 3. You do not need to submit your forms all at once. Once you are ready, you can submit your forms by email.

Afterwards, a case worker will contact you to confirm:

- they have received your application
- if they have any follow up questions
- next steps

By email

Please submit your application and any relevant documents to:
apply@redress-scheme.scot

If you would like to contact a case worker

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