

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Paul Murrin

Date of birth

Day 04

Month 07

Year 1976

Your statement for additional care settings

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).

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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.

1976 - 1988

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.

The information you provide will be used by Redress Scotland to make a decision about your application. Redress Scotland will use the "Assessment framework" to help them do this, available on [gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot). Please be aware that it contains graphic descriptions of abuse.

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.

Part 2 of the application form provides more information about what you may want to include.

Your statement for additional care settings

When I was younger, I had regular visits to the hospital because I was incontinent and struggling with my mental health. Looking back, I believe my mental health difficulties were a direct result of the abuse I was experiencing at home from my stepfather. My stepfather was an ex-army man and was extremely violent towards me. If I did not do something as simple as make my bed properly, he would give me what I can only describe as a full adult beating. He would kick me to the floor until I wet myself. I lived in constant fear of him, and the physical and emotional abuse became a normal part of my childhood. During my hospital appointments, I was often covered in bruises. Despite this, nobody ever questioned why I was so badly bruised, why I was incontinent, or why my mental health was so poor. No one asked if something was happening at home or whether I was safe. Looking back, I struggle to understand how the signs could have been missed. I was eventually asked whether I would be willing to go to a place that I was told would help with my health issues, particularly my incontinence. I agreed because I believed I was going somewhere to receive help and support. I was never told that I would be kept there or what the place was really like. I felt completely misled. My stepfather was the person who had the authority to send me there. What I believed would be treatment for my health issues turned out to be psychological treatment instead.