

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).

Forteviot House

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.

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

Rather than receiving the care and protection I needed, I found myself in an environment that caused me even more distress. The abuse I experienced at home was the reason I ended up being placed in this children's home. I needed protection, stability and compassion after everything I had been through. Instead, the trauma I had already suffered at the hands of my stepfather was compounded, and I was left feeling frightened, confused and let down by the very people and systems that were supposed to protect me.

This placement was supposed to help me because I was incontinent as a child. Instead, it became a traumatic psychological experience that I was completely unprepared for. I was led to believe I was going there for treatment, but I was never told that I would be made to stay there or what the reality of the placement would involve. I was asked if I was willing to go, but I had no idea what I was actually agreeing to because the full facts were never explained to me. I remember being in tears when my mum left me there. I felt frightened, confused and completely alone. I had no understanding that I would be living there with no freedom to leave. The building was locked, and I could not leave unless a member of staff took me out. I felt trapped. During my time there, I was physically restrained on several occasions. I remember being pinned to the floor by six men who knelt on me while I was forced to do as I was told. As a child, this was terrifying and left me feeling powerless. I was also placed in a padded cell, which I found completely frightening and inappropriate for someone of my age. If I did not like my dinner or refused to eat it, staff would pick me up by my arms and legs and throw me into a padded room. It was frightening and completely unnecessary. I was sent there to get help with the difficulties I was already facing, but instead, they made everything worse. Looking back, I believe the way I was treated was an assault. It should never have happened.

I had to attend school while I was there, but the whole placement was dominated by fear and control rather than the help I had been promised. Instead of receiving the support I needed for my incontinence, I experienced abuse and psychological harm.

Looking back, I feel I was deceived into going there. I was too young to understand what was happening, and if I had known what the placement would really be like, I would never have agreed to it. My time there was awful and has stayed with me ever since. They treated me like I was a lunatic, but I wasn't. I was just a lost, frightened young boy who needed help. I was treated as though I was a problem that needed to be controlled. I felt like no one looked beyond my behaviour to see that I was struggling. I was made to feel ashamed, isolated and as though there was something wrong with me.