

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Lyndsey Urquhart

Date of birth

Day 01 Month 02 Year 1977

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).

Foster Care

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.

1986 - 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

My mother struggled with alcohol addiction, and because of the unsafe environment at home, I was removed from her care. I believed that being placed into foster care meant I would finally be safe and have the chance to experience a stable family life. Instead, I was placed with a single foster mother whose home did not feel safe. She regularly held parties, and there were often strangers coming and going from the house. I never felt comfortable or secure there. Although my basic physical needs were met, there was little emotional support or reassurance, and I was left feeling frightened and vulnerable.

Being in that environment was particularly difficult because it reminded me of the life I had been removed from. My mother's alcohol misuse had already caused so much instability, and instead of feeling protected, I felt as though I had been placed back into a situation that triggered the same fears and anxieties. I often questioned the purpose of being taken into care. I was removed from my mother's home to keep me safe, yet I did not feel safe in foster care either. Looking back, it defeats the whole purpose of being placed into care. Rather than feeling protected and supported, I felt overlooked, and I was left wondering whether this was simply how my life was always going to be.