

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.

1988 - 1990

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

I was then placed in foster care in the West Coast. The foster carers I was placed with were extremely religious. Their beliefs dominated everyday life, and I was expected to spend a great deal of time reading the Bible. If I did not, I would be shouted at and made to feel as though I had done something wrong. The abuse I experienced in this placement was psychological rather than physical, but it has stayed with me throughout my life. I was constantly told that I was lying, that I was not good enough, and that I would never amount to anything. They repeatedly spoke badly about my mother, calling her a "whore," which was deeply upsetting to hear as a child. They also told me that God would strike me down, leaving me frightened and believing that I was somehow a bad person. Living in an environment where I was constantly criticised, belittled and made to feel worthless had a significant impact on my confidence and self-esteem. While I was living with these foster carers, I was allowed supervised contact with my grandmother. On one occasion, I was due to go on holiday with her. My birth mother found out about the trip and when I got to my grandmothers, she took me without the knowledge or permission of the authorities. She took me to Belfast, and I remember the authorities having to search for me before eventually finding me and returning me to my foster placement. Being returned to the foster home after this was incredibly difficult. Rather than feeling safe or supported, I was sent back into an environment where I felt constantly judged, emotionally abused and made to believe that I had no value. The entire experience left me feeling frightened, confused and completely unsupported.