

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Frank Wotherspoon

Date of birth

Day 23

Month 02

Year 1973

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).

Nazareth House, Aberdeen

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 - 1978

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 very young when I was here, and I used to wet the bed. I remember one night waking up and realising I had done it again. I was terrified because I knew I would be punished in the morning. I got out of bed and ran across the wooden floorboards to the toilet. I grabbed the mat from under the toilet and tried to dry myself and clean up the urine, hoping no one would notice.

The next morning, the nun would inspect our beds. When she found that I had wet mine, she would make me stand with my back to everyone else while she called another nun to take me away. I remember there being an older nun and a younger nun. One of them would grab me by the hand, pulling me along, and take me into the washing room. They would scrub me with carbolic soap so hard that it left my skin sore. It was humiliating and painful. I also remember being lifted out of the bath by one hand. Rather than helping me out gently, they would grab me by one arm or hand and yank me out of the bath. It was rough, painful, and frightening. As a young child, I felt completely powerless and knew that I had no choice but to do as I was told. Instead of being comforted, I was made to feel ashamed and frightened.

My brother was in a different dormitory. He later told me that, during the night, some of the boys would be taken out of their beds by staff. He said he could hear them screaming. At the time, I was too young to understand what was happening, but hearing that, and knowing how frightened we all were, has stayed with me ever since.