

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Ryan Griffiths

Date of birth

Day 10

Month 09

Year 1983

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).

Jailsland in Ayrshire

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.

1996

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 time here began in a very unsettling way. When I arrived, all of the staff and the other boys were standing outside waiting to greet me. I was then taken to my room, where I was locked in for a couple of days. I was told I could not leave because the other boys wanted to get to me and hurt me. If I needed to use the bathroom, I had to knock on the door and ask for permission. During the night, I would often wake up to find two members of staff standing silently at the end of my bed in the dark, watching me. As far as I was aware, they never touched me, but the experience terrified me. Even now, I cannot sleep without a light on because of what I went through. One of the staff members who used to watch me at night was particularly abusive. I witnessed him do horrific things. On one occasion, he set one of the boys' hair on fire. He would regularly pin us against the wall by our necks, using unnecessary force. I also remember that he frequently smelt of alcohol whilst on duty. He would encourage me to assault some of the other boys because he could not do it himself, and he would reward me with cigarettes if I did. We were largely left to look after ourselves. Every weekend we were expected to cook for ourselves and were left to our own devices with very little supervision or care. According to the records, I ran away on numerous occasions, which reflects how desperate I was to get away from that environment. Whilst I was there, I felt incredibly lonely and constantly frightened. I had no one to turn to and no one I felt genuinely cared about my welfare. I was bullied, abused and treated like an animal. I was manipulated into doing things I did not want to do and lived in fear every day. The experiences I endured there have stayed with me ever since. Since leaving, I have struggled with anger and temper issues, and I believe they are a direct result of the abuse, fear and neglect I experienced during my time in care.