

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).

Larchgrove Glasgow

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.

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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

Although the majority of the time I thought this placement was "fine" because we were allowed to do whatever we wanted, looking back I can see that there was very little care, supervision, or boundaries. It felt more like a clubhouse than somewhere we were supposed to be kept safe and looked after. I remember one occasion when a member of staff wanted to go to a football match. I did not want to go, but he dragged me there by the scruff of my neck. It felt as though he was simply trying to kill two birds with one stone by taking me with him while he was on shift. There was another incident involving my girlfriend at the time. She went to the office and asked for a razor that belonged to me. Staff gave it to her without supervising her, and she used it to self-harm. Instead of taking responsibility for failing to keep dangerous items secure, they blamed me, saying, "She said you told her she could have one, so it's your fault." I felt this was deeply unfair. It was their responsibility to keep items like razors safe and to supervise their use.

We were also allowed to smoke and drink alcohol. We would regularly run away, get drunk in the parks, and return without any real consequences. Staff often turned a blind eye to what was happening, and there was very little control or structure. They even allowed me to take empty bottles to the shop to exchange for cigarettes, which only encouraged unhealthy and harmful behaviour instead of trying to prevent it. Looking back, I feel we were failed by the adults who were supposed to protect us. Rather than providing guidance, boundaries, and care, they allowed us to engage in risky behaviour that led us down an unhealthy path. There was little sense of safety or supervision, and it never felt like a place where children were truly being looked after.