

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Alexander Mullen

Date of birth

Day 23

Month 12

Year 1968

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

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

When we were moved to the next children's home, the same nun came with us. She was the one who had taken us from the previous home, so we already knew what she was like.

The same abuse and treatment continued there. I was constantly frightened because I knew what she was capable of. We had seen her physically assault other children, and we did everything we could to avoid her. Living in fear of her became part of everyday life. I was always anxious, never knowing when she might lose her temper or who she would target next. The constant fear had a lasting impact on me and made me feel unsafe throughout my time there. On one occasion, I got into trouble and was made to go through the other boys' belongings as a punishment. I also remember being taken into the church, where there was a deceased nun lying in a coffin. The room was lit only by candles. I was made to blow out the candles and then left sitting there alone in the darkness.

The experience terrified me. Afterwards, I struggled to sleep for a long time because I was so frightened. Even now, I continue to have problems sleeping, and the memory of what happened has stayed with me. I also remember an incident when staff were collecting us from school to take us swimming. My brother was made to sit on the roof of the van while we travelled. The driver drove off with my brother still on the roof, and I watched him fall from the moving vehicle. He broke his collarbone as a result.

Witnessing this was extremely distressing. It demonstrated the complete lack of care for our safety and wellbeing. Seeing my brother seriously injured in this way frightened me and reinforced my belief that we were not being protected whilst we were in their care. The abuse and fear I experienced whilst I was in care have had a lasting impact on my life. The things I witnessed and endured have affected me ever since, and I continue to live with the emotional consequences of those experiences.