

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).

Glenochil Young Offenders Institution

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.

1983

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 taken to a detention centre after getting into trouble whilst I was with one of my friends. Another friend of mine had broken into a property and gone on the run. The authorities mistakenly thought I was him and arrested me. Even after they realised they had the wrong person, they kept me there simply because I was his friend. I had not committed the offence they were looking for, yet I was detained for around three months.

From the moment I arrived, I was treated like a criminal. They shaved my head as soon as I got there. Every day we were made to run and march as though we were in a military camp rather than a place that was supposed to care for or rehabilitate young people.

Whilst I was there, I was assaulted by other boys in the showers. They beat me with wet towels, which was extremely painful and humiliating. Staff did not protect me or make me feel safe.

We were also forced to kneel on the floor with bars of carbolic soap and scrub the floors by hand. We were worked like animals and made to carry out harsh punishments that had nothing to do with helping us.

Staff would also put us "on report" for things we had not done, which meant we were punished unfairly and could end up staying there for longer. It felt as though they were looking for reasons to keep us there rather than treating us fairly.

The whole experience was cruel and degrading. Instead of receiving care or support, I was treated as though I was in a military prison. What has always stayed with me is that I had not even done anything wrong, yet I was still made to suffer through those three months.