

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

William Cowan

Date of birth

Day 16

Month 11

Year 1969

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).

Oak Bank School

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.

1974-1976

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 at Oak Bank was the worst of my care settings.

I suffered physical beatings from staff members. After I'd suffered a beating I'd run away. This mainly happened at night by the night staff and happened every couple of months.

At one point, I had 2 black eyes, the staff would blame it on me for struggling but no child should have to suffer living like that in a supposed trusted care facility.

The punishment I'd suffer when returning to Oak Bank was that I wasn't awarded any home leave which messed with my mental health.

The food here I describe as disproportioned. I'd see other kids getting more food than I did and to me, that wasn't fair at all.