

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

John Tanner

Date of birth

Day 18

Month 05

Year 1972

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).

Weedingshall Children's home Scotland Polmont, Falkirk

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.

1982 - 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

When I was placed in the children's home, it was because my mother had passed away and my stepfather was abusive. At first, I was with my two sisters and my brother, but over the following six months we were all separated and placed in different homes. Losing my family on top of losing my mum was devastating. I was only nine years old and was already struggling to cope with everything that had happened. It was extremely difficult to adjust to this new way of living. The home felt more like a military camp than a place where children were cared for. We were controlled all the time and expected to do exactly as we were told. If we didn't do what we were told, we would have our privileges taken away or be put into isolation. We were often dragged and pushed around, and there was a lot of verbal and psychological abuse. We were made to feel like animals rather than children who had already experienced trauma and loss. Being separated from my brother and sisters made everything even worse. Instead of being allowed to stay together and support each other, we were split up and left to cope on our own. As a child, it was frightening, confusing and heartbreaking, and those experiences have stayed with me throughout my life. My little brother was only six years old when he was sent back to live with our stepfather, who was also his biological father. He was being sent back to an abusive man. I had always tried to protect my little brother, so having him taken away from me was heartbreaking. I felt powerless, knowing I could no longer keep him safe. My sister was sent somewhere else because the authorities said she was a bad influence on me and my other sister. That decision made no sense to us. We needed each other. After everything we had been through, being separated from one another only added to the trauma. Losing my brother and my sister at the same time was incredibly painful.