

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).

Orkney Place Children's Home

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.

1993 - 1999

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 other sister and I were taken to Orkney Place. We had lost our home, our family had been torn apart, and we were expected to simply accept it. Instead of finding comfort in being together as siblings, we were separated, leaving us to cope with fear, grief, and uncertainty on our own.

Orkney Place was another children's home, but it was much smaller than the one we had been in before. It was run by a Catholic woman who was very religious. Religion was a central part of life there, and we were expected to live according to her beliefs. We had no choice but to follow her way of life. Religion was not something we were invited to explore or choose for ourselves—it was imposed on us.

She was extremely strict and ran the home with an almost military discipline. We were told exactly what to do, when to do it, and there was no room to question or refuse. Every part of our day was controlled, and obedience was expected at all times.

If we refused to go to church on a Sunday, we were punished by being locked in our rooms. While everyone else was allowed to enjoy the day, we were isolated as punishment for not following her religious beliefs. We quickly learned that we had no real choice. We were expected to obey her rules without question. If we didn't, we lost what little freedom we had. Every aspect of our lives was controlled, from where we went to what we did.

After everything we had already been through, it felt as though we had lost even more of our freedom. We had no control over our own lives, and once again, we were expected to accept whatever decisions were made for us.

There was one member of staff who would often become angry and aggressive towards us. We never knew what might trigger his temper, so we were constantly on edge. On some occasions, he became physically forceful with me. He would grab hold of me and use physical force to control what I was doing. I felt frightened and powerless because I could not stop him. His behaviour made me feel constantly on edge. Instead of feeling safe in what was supposed to be a place of care, I lived with fear and uncertainty. As children, we needed patience, understanding, and protection, but instead we were expected to obey without question and live in fear of the consequences if we did not.