

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Ross Mcfadyen

Date of birth

Day 22 Month 11 Year 1979

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).

Kerelaw Residential School and Secure Unit

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.

1994 - 1995

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 there was terrible. It was full of both mental and physical abuse.

When I first arrived, there was a lot of name-calling. I was constantly told that I was worthless, and it was very degrading. I ran away once, and when I was brought back, that was the first time I was physically assaulted by staff members. It was night-time when we returned, so it was the night staff on duty. One staff member severely assaulted both me and another boy, treating us as though we were adults. We quickly learned that if we were going to run away, it had to be during the day, because if you were caught at night, you knew how badly you would be beaten. The abuse started because I ran away, but it soon became a regular occurrence. It happened about twice a week. If we ever spoke back to staff, we were punished.

We ran away one time, but after being taken to the police station, we were returned to Kerelaw. Me and a few of the other boys who had run away were taken into the communal shower block. We were made to strip off and take cold showers. There were two female members of staff standing there watching us. While we were in the showers, staff degraded us, called us names, and told us that we would never amount to anything. It was extremely embarrassing, humiliating, and degrading as a young boy. At the time, I thought this was just normal. I didn't realise that what happened to us was a form of sexual abuse. Looking back now as an adult, I recognise how wrong it was and how awful the experience was.

The following day, I complained to a male member of staff about what had happened. He hit me with a heavy soup pot, which broke my teeth. Afterwards, I was forced to keep quiet about what had happened. They bribed me with new clothes so that I wouldn't tell anyone.

I remember being left to my own devices most of the time. We were simply told what time food would be served, and that was it. If we were late, we were not fed.

When I turned 16, the Children's Panel revoked my supervision because of the criminal charges I had at the time. As a result, I was no longer under their supervision and had to leave the placement.