

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Danielle Leavey

Date of birth

Day 03

Month 02

Year 1991

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).

Cecil Street Childrens

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.

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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

There was one staff member here that I remember the most. He made me feel like I was special. He would give me money, buy me food, and let me get away with things that other young people couldn't. At the time, I thought I was lucky to be receiving this attention, but I now understand that he was grooming me. He would let me sit on his knee, cuddle me on the sofa, and give me foot rubs. I was regularly left alone with him, despite him being an adult staff member responsible for my care. Looking back, I feel deeply uncomfortable and sick when I think about it. None of this was appropriate.

He treated me differently from everyone else in a way that made me feel chosen and important.

As a child, I didn't recognise what was happening because I trusted him and believed he was just being kind to me. As an adult, I can now see that he was gradually crossing boundaries and abusing his position of trust.

I believe he was sexually interested in me and behaved in ways that allowed him to get close to me while avoiding suspicion. His actions were subtle enough that they could be explained away, but looking back, I can clearly see a pattern of grooming.

Other members of staff witnessed some of the way he behaved towards me and raised concerns that it was inappropriate.

Despite this, his behaviour continued. As he became more senior within the organisation, he held a position of authority over other staff. I believe this made it difficult for them to challenge him or stop what was happening. I cannot say for certain what was said to them, but from my perspective it felt as though his position protected him from being questioned.

I lived there from the age of 12 until I was 18. Looking back now, I realise the grooming started almost as soon as I arrived. He was a staff member in his 40s, while I was only 12 years old. As the years went on and he was promoted into more senior roles, his behaviour towards me became increasingly worse.

It should never have happened, and I should never have been left alone with him. The adults responsible for protecting me failed to recognise or stop what was happening. These experiences have stayed with me. Looking back now, I realise that what I once believed was kindness and special treatment was, in fact, grooming by an adult in a position of trust. I was a child, and I should have been protected.