

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

James Brisbane

Date of birth

Day 18

Month 03

Year 1968

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).

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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

I was told I was sent here so they could find out if I should be sent to a care home or a borstal.

Daily life there was horrible. I remember being locked in cupboards quite often, and at the time, this seemed like a normal part of daily life there. The staff were rough with us when they put us in the cupboard. They would throw us inside, even though the cupboard was tiny. While we were locked in there, we would miss meals. I also remember being left in the cupboard overnight on a few occasions.

The staff were also verbally abusive. They would tell me that I was worthless and that the only reason I was there was because I was bad. They told me that I would never amount to anything, that I would end up in prison, and that prison was the best place for me.

If we became unruly or spoke back, the staff would lock us in a room they called the "playroom" and allow the other children to beat us up. The staff encouraged this behaviour. I also witnessed staff physically hitting other children on several occasions.

I remember feeling scared while I was there. More than anything, I remember how much I hated being there.