

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).

DREGHORN CHILDRENS 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.

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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

They decided that I was to be placed in a care home and eventually found a place for me at Dregghorn Children's Home. It was not as bad as the assessment centre, but I still remember there being a lot of fighting between the children.

What stands out to me was the lack of intervention from the staff. When fights broke out, staff would sometimes simply stand and watch rather than step in. It felt as though they were treating the fighting as a form of entertainment instead of protecting the children in their care.

I do not remember the staff being verbally aggressive towards me, and I do not have many clear memories of interacting with them at all. In fact, I remember very little staff presence. My main recollection is of them observing what was happening without doing anything to stop it.

I was a child who had been placed there to be cared for and kept safe, but I do not feel that I received the care, supervision or protection that I should have. The staff had a responsibility to protect me from harm, including harm from other children, and I do not believe they fulfilled that responsibility.

Eventually, I ran away from Dregghorn Children's Home and made my way to London. I felt that leaving was my only option at the time.

When I arrived in London, I received help and support from Centrepont, the charity that works with young people experiencing homelessness. Their involvement provided me with support at a time when I had left the care system and was on my own.

The fact that I ran away and travelled to London shows how unhappy and unsupported I felt in the placement. Rather than feeling safe and cared for in the children's home, I reached a point where I believed I was better off leaving and trying to manage on my own.