

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Scott Mcleod

Date of birth

Day 15

Month 10

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).

Howdenhall Centre

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 spent approximately six weeks in an assessment centre after I was described as being “out of control” and having behavioural problems.

During my time there, I was locked in my room for around 19 hours a day. The door was kept locked, and there was no toilet or other basic facilities in the room. The only regular times we were allowed out of our rooms were for meals and for approximately one hour of exercise in the yard. Occasionally, we were allowed to watch a film, but apart from this, we could be locked in our rooms for hours on end.

If I needed to use the toilet while I was locked in my room, I had to press a buzzer and wait for a member of staff to let me out. There were times when staff would take hours to respond. As there was no toilet in the room and I could not leave without a member of staff unlocking the door, there were occasions when I was left with no other option but to go to the toilet in my room or in my bed.

If this happened, instead of recognising that we had been left without access to a toilet for hours, some members of staff would verbally abuse us. There were also occasions when we were slapped over the head. We were being blamed and punished for something that was outside of our control. We had asked to use the toilet, but staff had not come to let us out.

I was frightened during my time at the assessment centre. I was placed alongside people who had committed very serious offences, including murder. Being in that environment, particularly while spending so much time locked in a room, made me feel scared and unsafe.

There were a couple of members of staff who treated me reasonably well, but my experience with other staff was very different. Some were verbally abusive, aggressive and intimidating towards us.

The constant verbal abuse and degrading treatment made me feel worthless. At the time, I did not fully understand how unacceptable the treatment was, but looking back now, I can see that I was not treated with the dignity, care or respect that I should have been.

It felt as though staff were able to make and follow their own rules. Whether we were allowed out of our rooms seemed to depend on which members of staff were working and whether they decided to let us out. Most of the time, we remained locked in our rooms.

Overall, I remember the six weeks I spent there as a frightening and distressing period of my life. My freedom was extremely restricted, and I was dependent on staff for even basic needs such as using the toilet. Apart from meals, an hour of exercise in the yard and occasionally watching a film, I spent most of my time