

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Robert Mcnaught

Date of birth

Day 10

Month 03

Year 1974

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).

Fairfield Childrens Home - Glasgow

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.

1989

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 placed in this care home after my mum said that I was out of control. Before going into care, my home life had already been very difficult. I experienced neglect, my dad was an alcoholic, and my mum had problems with gambling. I was therefore already vulnerable when I entered the care system.

I lived in the care home for approximately one year. During my time there, I experienced both physical and emotional abuse. Although the physical abuse happened less frequently, I remember being slapped across the face if I did not want to do something that was expected of me.

The emotional and verbal abuse was much more constant. I was regularly told that I was useless, hopeless and stupid. I was subjected to degrading comments on a day-to-day basis and was made to feel as though I would never achieve anything with my life. Hearing these things repeatedly had a serious effect on the way I saw myself and made me feel worthless.

Another particularly difficult part of my experience was the way contact with my family was handled. My visitation rights would sometimes be stopped, and decisions about whether I was allowed to see my family could change. I never felt certain about when I would be able to see them. It felt like a constant mind game, and I was left feeling isolated and as though I had lost my family.

Throughout my time in the care home, I felt degraded, embarrassed and ashamed. Instead of feeling safe and supported, my everyday life was filled with verbal abuse and comments that made me feel worthless and hopeless about my future.

The effect on me was severe. At the time, I became so unhappy and overwhelmed that I felt like I wanted to die. Being repeatedly told that I was useless and that I would never amount to anything has stayed with me and has had a lasting impact on my life and how I feel about myself.

I believe that, as a vulnerable young person in care, I should have been protected, supported and treated with dignity. Instead, my experiences in the care home left me feeling frightened, isolated, humiliated and worthless.