

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Michael Carroll

Date of birth

Day 11

Month 03

Year 1989

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).

Kerelaw Secure Unit

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.

2004

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 at Kerelaw for approximately six or seven months. During my time there, I regularly witnessed people being restrained and hit. On a day-to-day basis, I remember hearing people screaming and being hurt. It was while I was at the residential school that I experienced serious abuse myself.

There was one teacher in particular, the art teacher, who behaved inappropriately towards me and other boys. He would deliberately brush past us and touch us inappropriately. On occasions, he would touch and feel me around my private areas. This made me feel extremely uncomfortable.

He would threaten us and tell us not to tell anyone what he was doing. He said that if we spoke about it, he would punish us. At the time, I was scared of what that punishment might involve because of the way he behaved towards us on a daily basis.

I was also too embarrassed and humiliated to tell anyone what was happening. As a young boy, I felt ashamed and frightened about speaking up.

I remember one occasion when the art teacher tried to touch me inappropriately and I pulled away from him. When I did this, he slapped me. I felt that we had to accept what he did to us because if we resisted him, he would become physically violent. There were other people who witnessed some of this behaviour, including the occasion when I was slapped. However, at the time, this type of treatment seemed to be regarded as normal within the institution, and nothing was done about it.

While I was at Kerelaw, we were only allowed to see our families or leave the school on their terms. I found this very difficult and would sometimes sneak out during the week. When I did this, I would drink alcohol and take drugs.

Eventually, a panel considered my circumstances and decided that I should be placed in a secure unit. Following this decision, I was sent to Rossie Farm.