

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Lesley West

Date of birth

Day 02 Month 09 Year 1967

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).

Eglinton 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.

1975- 1983

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

My mother eventually took my sister and me out of care and we returned to live with her. Unfortunately, being back in my mother's care was not safe for us either. She was also physically abusive towards us.

Things became so bad that my sister and I went to Social Services ourselves and asked them to take us away from our mother. We were still children, but we knew that we did not feel safe at home and that we needed help.

Following this, I was placed into care again. My experience at this placement was very different from what I had experienced previously. For the first time, things felt okay. After everything I had been through—the beatings, hunger, fear and cruelty of my previous placement, followed by the abuse I experienced after returning to my mother's care—I finally felt that I was somewhere safe.

I remember this placement as my safe haven. There is a significant difference between my memories of this place and my memories of the care I had experienced before it. I was no longer living with the same constant sense of fear. After so much instability and mistreatment in my childhood, simply being somewhere where I felt safe and was treated properly meant a great deal to me.

When I look back on my childhood in care, I think of this particular placement as a period when, finally, things were okay. It gave me a feeling of safety after everything I had already been through.