

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Kirsty Rachel Gibb

Date of birth

Day 25

Month 01

Year 1992

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).

Foster Home Dundee

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

When I moved into the children's home, I believed I would finally be safe. Instead, the very risks my foster carer had warned social work about were ignored. Staff allowed me to stay overnight at my children's father's house, knowing I would be sleeping in his bedroom and that we were having an underage sexual relationship. They knew exactly why I had been moved into residential care, yet they failed to put any safeguards in place. The concerns had already been raised, but they still allowed the situation to continue. As a result, I became pregnant when I was only 15 years old. I firmly believe that if I had been properly protected, this would never have happened.

My children's father was also abusive towards me. He assaulted and controlled me, and when I told people what was happening, nothing was done to protect me. He was around 16 or 17 years old while I was only 15. Although the age gap may not seem large, I was still a vulnerable child who needed adults to recognise that I was being exploited and abused. Instead, the warning signs were ignored. He has since been imprisoned, but at the time no one stepped in to protect me despite knowing the risks.

There were five young people living in the children's home altogether, including me and four boys. I also remember being restrained regularly, often simply for expressing my emotions or speaking up for myself. Instead of being listened to or supported, I was physically restrained. This made me feel frightened, powerless and as though my feelings did not matter.

Looking back, I feel that social work and the children's home completely failed in their duty to safeguard me. My foster carer had done the right thing by raising serious concerns and asking for me to be protected, yet those concerns were ignored. The abuse continued, I became pregnant while still underage, and I was repeatedly restrained instead of cared for. Rather than feeling safe, I felt more neglected in the children's home than I had when I was living with my mother while she was struggling with drug addiction. The people who were responsible for protecting me failed to do so, and the impact of those failures has stayed with me ever since.