

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Jennifer Rae

Date of birth

Day 10

Month 07

Year 1977

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).

Lindsay House

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 was expelled from school when I was around 15 years old. At the time, my parents were trying to get me support from social services, as I had social workers who regularly visited me. My mum has since said that one of her biggest regrets was asking them for help, because she felt that the involvement of social services did very little to actually support me and ultimately made the situation worse. There came a point when my parents did not feel comfortable leaving me at home alone. Social services became involved and placed me in a homeless shelter, despite the fact that I was only 15. Looking back, this was the point when my behaviour really began to spiral. I was terrified while I was there. I remember staff arranging for another girl to spend time with me, almost as though she was being forced to be my friend. She went out that night, which meant I was left on my own. I was put in a room with an older woman who made me feel extremely uncomfortable, and I remember feeling frightened and completely out of place. I had suddenly gone from being a 15-year-old child to living in an environment where I was surrounded by adults, drugs and alcohol. I had never been exposed to that kind of environment before, and I had very little support or guidance to help me cope with what was happening. I was already struggling with my behaviour, and being placed in those surroundings only made things worse. Rather than giving me the stability and support I needed, I felt as though I had been placed in an environment where my behaviour was almost inevitably going to deteriorate. Eventually, I was asked to leave the shelter because of my behaviour and because I had not been paying rent. I had not even realised that I was expected to pay rent. I had been placed there at 15 years old without properly understanding what was expected of me or being given the information and support I needed. After I was removed from the shelter, I was taken to a police station. A decision was then made that I would be placed into care because there were concerns that my behaviour could negatively influence my younger siblings. Looking back, I was a frightened 15-year-old who needed stability, boundaries and appropriate support. Instead, I was moved into an adult environment that I did not understand and was not equipped to cope with. What was supposed to be an intervention to help me became a turning point where my circumstances and behaviour deteriorated significantly.