

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

James Tanner

Date of birth

Day 06

Month 10

Year 1976

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).

Weedingshall Children's Home

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

The care setting was extremely strict and regimented. As a young child, it felt more like a board school than somewhere that was supposed to care for and support children. That is the feeling that has always stayed with me. I do not remember having much enjoyment during those years, and I feel as though an important part of my childhood was taken away from me.

My siblings and I were all taken into care at the same time. There were four of us — my two sisters, my brother and me. One of my older sisters was placed in a different care home. She was like another mum to me and someone I depended on and trusted. Being separated from her was another major loss at a time when our family was already grieving and going through a great deal of upheaval. I was left in care with my other sister and my brother, but losing the presence and support of my older sister affected me deeply.

Before going into care, I had already been going through turmoil within my family. I was taken away from my dad after he began drinking heavily. I was only five years old and did not properly understand what was happening. Despite everything I had been through, I do not remember anyone recognising how distressed I was or giving me the counselling, reassurance or emotional support that I needed.

I believe the lack of emotional care and support during such an important stage of my childhood has affected me throughout my life. I find it very difficult to become close to people because I am frightened that I will lose them. I also struggle to trust people because I am always afraid of what might happen. The experience of being taken away from my family, being separated from my older sister and then having to cope in such a strict environment at such a young age has stayed with me.

I was also physically injured while I was in care. When I was approximately five or six years old, goalposts fell on top of me and broke my collarbone. I was taken to Falkirk Infirmary for treatment. This injury has continued to affect me to this day.

Looking back, I feel that I was a very young and vulnerable child who needed comfort, reassurance, stability and emotional support. Instead, I felt that I had to cope with everything myself. I feel that the experience took away part of my childhood and has had a lasting impact on my ability to trust people, form close relationships and feel secure.