

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

David Fennell

Date of birth

Day 28

Month 12

Year 1981

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).

Bathgate Childrens 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

I was placed in care because I had ADHD, although at the time this wasn't recognised or understood. Instead, I was labelled as a troubled child. Social workers became involved, and because my mum was struggling to cope, I was eventually placed into care.

My memories of being there are extremely distressing. I remember being forced to take cold showers and, if I was being noisy, being locked in a cupboard. Sometimes we were deprived of food. I was also made to stand outside after having a cold shower.

There was one particular member of staff who seemed to find excuses to restrain me. He would twist my arms behind my back and force me down onto my bed. He would press himself very close against me while restraining me, pushing my arms further until I was in pain. At the time, I did not fully understand what was happening or why he was behaving that way. Since becoming older and beginning to understand what I believe his intentions may have been, it has affected me profoundly.

I also remember this member of staff giving me alcohol. Afterwards, I would sometimes wake up feeling confused. I remember waking with what felt like slime or some kind of substance over me, and areas of my body would be red. I did not understand what had happened to me.

There were also occasions when my arms were restrained and my hands were wedged or secured using belts. The treatment I experienced there was frightening, degrading and painful.

Looking back on everything that happened, it was absolutely horrible, and the memories of it continue to have a significant impact on me. At the time, I thought this kind of treatment was normal. I was a child and didn't understand that what was happening to me was wrong. I felt as though I had nowhere to turn and nobody I could speak to or ask for help. Because I was in care and dependent on the very people who were treating me this way, I felt trapped and powerless.