

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

John Collins

Date of birth

Day 19

Month 10

Year 1973

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).

Blairvadach Children's 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.

1980-1981

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

You were made to feel as though you were nothing in that place, just a child whose parents could not look after them. Some of the discipline used was completely unacceptable, even by the standards of the time.

If you were considered cheeky or answered back, a member of staff could hit you. If you refused to eat your dinner, you could be made to stand in the corner until everyone else had finished eating. I can also remember my sister being force-fed.

A lot of the punishment felt more psychological than physical. You were made to feel that you should simply be seen and not heard, and that your thoughts or feelings did not matter.

As I got older, the physical punishment became worse and I received more beatings. I would not describe the treatment as good or caring. Looking back, it felt as though discipline and control were more important than understanding or supporting us as children.