

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Kirsty Larmour

Date of birth

Day 25 Month 01 Year 1988

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).

dalrymple children's home, irvine

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.

2003 - 2005

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 into care because I was constantly running away and drinking, and it was felt that I needed to be placed somewhere for my own safety. However, my time there was hellish. Some of the staff were okay, but others were awful and treated me terribly.

I was regularly physically restrained by staff. They would force my arms behind my back to the point where I was in pain. They would grab hold of my arms and drag me from one place to another. At times, they would push me onto the floor, force my face into the ground and bend my arms and legs. It was painful, frightening and degrading, and it happened quite often.

There were also times when staff would sit on a chair directly outside my room so that I could not leave, even to go to the toilet. I felt trapped and completely controlled.

I was also sanctioned while I was there, and as part of this they withheld my clothing grant from me. This meant that money intended to provide me with clothing was taken away as a punishment.

I also felt that some staff would deliberately wind me up until I reacted, almost as though they were looking for an excuse to restrain or hurt me. Instead of trying to calm situations down or understand why I was struggling, they would provoke me until I responded.

Verbal and emotional abuse was also common. Staff would constantly try to bring me down and would bully me about my appearance. I had spots at the time, and they would point them out and laugh at me, which made me feel humiliated and self-conscious.

I remember saying that I was nearly 17 and would soon be able to leave. Rather than listening to me, the staff mocked me. They put on a voice, repeating what I had said and taking the piss out of me. I was already struggling, and being constantly mocked, humiliated and physically hurt by the people who were supposed to be looking after me made my time there horrible.