

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Callum Pepper

Date of birth

Day 19

Month 09

Year 1992

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).

Calder 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.

2003

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

From the first day I arrived at the care home, I was constantly involved in fights. I was the youngest person there by around three years, which made me particularly vulnerable. Some of the older residents tried to force themselves on me, and at such a young age I was exposed to drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. The females names were Natalie and Gaynor.

Staff would restrain me simply for speaking out or opening my mouth. At the time, I was only around 4 feet 8 inches tall and was much smaller than many of the people around me.

I was also denied access to my mum and was unable to call her for approximately four to six weeks. I was not properly informed about how close I actually was to her. My mum's old house was only around a mile away, yet I was made to feel much more isolated from her.

I stayed at the care home for approximately four months. The home wanted to keep me there for longer, but my mum refused to allow me to return. I had originally been placed there because of behavioural problems, but instead of receiving the support and care I needed, I felt neglected and mistreated.

At one point, I was left in a storage cupboard because they said they did not have any proper space for me. I felt that staff did not make an effort with me because I was the youngest. If I was punished or got into trouble, the police would sometimes be involved rather than staff dealing with the situation appropriately. There were also occasions when staff drove us at around 70 mph on roads with a 40 mph speed limit. We were young children and were frightened, but it felt as though our fear and safety were not taken seriously.

The environment also exposed children to behaviour that should never have been normalised in a care setting. Cigarettes were given to children, and drinking alcohol appeared to be tolerated as long as staff did not directly see it happening. Being exposed to alcohol, cigarettes and drugs at such a young age had a significant impact on me.

I was a vulnerable child who needed care, protection and guidance. Instead, during my time there, I experienced violence, fear, isolation, inappropriate restraint, exposure to substances and situations that no child should have had to deal with.