

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Sueanna Stronach

Date of birth

Day 03

Month 10

Year 1991

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).

Drylaw Childrens Home, 135 Easter Drylaw Dr Edinburgh, EH4

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.

2004

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

My mum placed me into care in October 2004. From what I remember, she wrote something on an A4 piece of paper, gave it to a social worker, and that was it — I was taken into care. My mum had been very abusive towards me throughout my childhood. Before I was even seven years old, I had suffered burns and various other injuries which had been recorded. Looking back now, I find it extremely difficult to understand how I was allowed to remain in her care for as long as I did when the authorities were already aware that I was being harmed. My time in care was awful. From the very beginning, my education was practically non-existent. Education should have been such an important part of my life, particularly at that age, but I feel that opportunity was taken away from me. I was not given the education, encouragement or support that I needed. Even my basic needs were not properly looked after. I would miss breakfast nearly every day because nobody would tell me when it was ready. There was very little effort made to make sure that I was eating properly or being cared for. I received no meaningful support from the staff. They showed very little care or interest in me or in what I was going through. There was one girl there who had been stabbed, and she came to my room because she felt that she would be safer there. This shows how unsafe the environment could be and how little protection we felt we had from the staff. There was also a massive fight at one point. The staff eventually pulled us away from each other, but that was it. There was no proper follow-up afterwards and no attempt to understand what had happened or why things had escalated to that point. During another incident, I had a key dragged across my face. Again, nothing meaningful was done about it. The staff did not properly investigate what had happened, check on how I was coping afterwards, or show any real concern for me. There seemed to be no emotion or compassion shown towards us. It felt as though incidents could happen and then simply be forgotten about. Looking back, I believe I was neglected emotionally as well as physically. I had already been kept away from normal society for much of my life, and being in this environment did nothing to prepare me for life outside of care. I was not given the support, guidance or basic life skills that I needed. When I eventually had to adjust to life outside of care, I struggled enormously. I did not know how to live a normal life or how to fit into society because I had never been properly shown how. I believe the neglect and lack of care I experienced had a lasting effect on me and made the transition into adult life much more difficult than it should have been.