

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

The staff did not provide me with money for basic necessities such as clothing or toiletries. I had started my period at the age of nine, so having access to appropriate sanitary products and toiletries was particularly important to me. Despite this, there was nothing readily available and I was left to find ways of getting these things for myself. Because I needed money to buy basic items, I started working at a young age. When I was unable to work or did not have enough money, I ended up shoplifting to get the things I needed. I should never have been placed in a position where I felt that stealing was my only option to meet my basic needs. I believe this neglect contributed to me going down a bad path. Instead of being properly cared for and provided with the necessities that every young person should have, I was left to fend for myself. Out of desperation, I was exposed to criminal and harmful behaviour at a very young age. I needed adults around me to protect me, guide me and provide for me, but that support simply was not there.

At the time, I had no idea what being in a care setting was supposed to be like, so I did not fully understand just how wrong it was. I know now that I should have been protected, supported and cared for. Instead, I felt neglected and was largely left to fend for myself. I had already experienced so much before entering care, and rather than finally being given the safety, stability and support that I needed, I felt as though I was simply left on my own to cope.