

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Rosemary Kessock

Date of birth

Day 28

Month 06

Year 1974

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).

Foster Care

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.

1974 - 1992

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.

Barclay Family

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 when I was approximately two months old and placed with foster carers, Mr and Mrs Barclay. This was the main home I knew throughout my childhood. From a very young age, I was made to feel like the favourite and that I was special. I was bought gifts and taken on trips. Looking back, I feel this was part of how I was encouraged to behave the way my foster parents wanted me to. I remember being encouraged to sit on both foster parents' knees. Mr Barclay particularly liked me sitting on his knee so he could tickle me. I didn't like this and felt uncomfortable. When my biological mother or Social Work visited, I remember there being a "game" where, when the doorbell rang, I would run and hide behind the kitchen door. I was young and did what I was told. I now understand this gave Social Work the impression that visits from my mother were upsetting or frightening me. Throughout my childhood, Mrs Barclay repeatedly told me my mother didn't want me. If I did something wrong or didn't do what she wanted, I would be told I could go and live with my mother, but that she didn't want me anyway. This frightened me because I believed the Barclays were the only people who wanted me. From a young age until I was 13 or 14, I remember being made to sit cross-legged on the floor in front of the TV, at the side of the fire. This was where I was expected to sit. I'd stay there quietly, barely moving or speaking. I also remember having to brush Mrs Barclay's hair for hours. I'd rip her tights so she could soak her feet in a basin, then wash her feet and clip her toenails. If I got tired or didn't want to continue, I'd hear the same comments about my mum not wanting me. I'd carry on because I was frightened of being sent away. Afterwards, I could be rewarded with some of Mrs Barclay's fish supper or scampi supper. This reinforced the feeling that I was "special" when I pleased her. When I was old enough to see Social Work without my foster parents present, I was told not to tell them anything and to say everything was okay. I was warned that if I told Social Work anything, they'd take me away and nobody else would want me. I believed this because I'd spent years being told my own mother didn't want me. When I was 12, I had risky and impulsive behaviour. I shoplifted, stayed out overnight and put myself in vulnerable situations. During this, I allowed a boy to touch and penetrate me while I just lay there. I believed attention from males meant I was wanted or special, and I would do whatever I thought they wanted. I could then move on quickly without showing feelings. I believe this came from growing up feeling that I had to please others in order to be wanted. Another foster child, Tracey, lived in the placement and appears throughout my records until I was about 12. When we were around 11, Tracey said we'd been abused and that abuse had happened to me too. I can't remember everything from this period of my childhood.