

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).

Bon Accord Street, Aberdeen

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.

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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 in Bon Accord Children's Home when I was approximately 11 or 12 years old, following allegations made by another foster child, Tracey. I remember being collected from school and taken to the Social Work Department at Faulds Wynd. I was told about what Tracey had disclosed and that I was going to Bon Accord.

I was extremely distressed about being removed from my foster placement. I screamed and tried to get out of the Social Work building. At that age, I believed the Barclays were the only people who wanted me because this was what I had been made to believe throughout my childhood. From what I can remember, my actual treatment within Bon Accord was not particularly bad. However, the influence of my foster family continued while I was living there. I was still allowed visits with my foster mother, Mrs Barclay, and her biological daughter, Dawn. During this period, I was told to say that I did not like being in the children's home. I was also told to say that I did not like Tracey being there and not to be friendly with her. Tracey and I were foster sisters, but we had never been particularly close. Looking back, it felt as though we lived two separate lives in the Barclay household. We were dressed the same, but that was about as far as it went. Tracey was often out whereas I remember spending much more time inside. Despite this, we were expected to give Social Work the impression that we were close. While I was staying at Bon Accord, I remember being taken to Ingliston Market as a treat. I travelled there by bus with Dawn. One particular detail has stayed in my memory. I remember leaving for the trip wearing thick knitted tights, but when I returned to the children's home I was no longer wearing the tights. I have since discovered that I apparently was not supposed to have been taken on this trip. My memories surrounding this event are fragmented. I cannot remember clearly what happened to my tights or what happened during the parts of the trip that I cannot recall. I therefore do not want to speculate or state that something happened when I do not have a clear memory of it. What I can say is that I remember leaving wearing the tights, returning without them, and subsequently discovering that I should not have been on the trip. Throughout my time in Bon Accord, I still desperately wanted to return to the Barclays, particularly because I wanted to please Mrs Barclay. I had been brought up believing that I was special to her and that the Barclays were the only people who wanted me. I was eventually returned to their foster placement under supervision. Even though I do not remember Bon Accord itself as being a particularly bad placement, I do not believe I was free to speak openly while I was there. I remained under the influence of what I had been told by my foster family and continued to believe that I needed to say the right things in order to be allowed home.