

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

The experiences I had growing up in foster care have affected the whole course of my life. I was repeatedly told nobody wanted me, and that I wouldn't find better than them. I believed that love and security were conditional and could be taken away if I didn't behave like others wanted. I began acting out, struggling with alcohol. As a teen, I drank so heavily, once I suffered alcohol poisoning and had to have my stomach pumped. At 15, I was attacked by two girls and pleaded guilty at court despite not believing I'd done what I was accused of. At 15/16, I left care and moved in with a man I'd known for one day. I found myself in situations where I felt uncomfortable or unsafe but struggled to say no or stand up for myself. I was arrested in connection with drugs and being told that if I admitted they were mine, I could go home. I pleaded guilty because I wanted to leave. There was a pattern in my behaviour. I learned to comply, agree and please others, even when it was harmful to me. This continued into adulthood. Mrs Barclay still had a strong influence over me, including marriage and parenting. She said I should give my children a "smack round the head", I listened hurt them. My daughter told her school because this was out of character for me, and they were taken into care that day. Afterwards, my life spiralled. They eventually lived with their father, and I felt I'd failed at everything. I turned to alcohol, drugs, self-harm and was frightened of being around my children. I discovered they had been seeing my foster parents for almost two years and been told not to tell me. This caused damage to our relationship. I worked hard to rebuild my relationships with them, but the effects remain. I struggle with my mental health and received support from psychiatrists. It's difficult to open up to people, trust others or understand what a healthy relationship should feel like. I live a very isolated life. Instead of growing up feeling secure and loved, I grew up believing that affection was earned. I was separated from my biological family, my brothers, John and Bruce. I saw my Social Work records and it made me question what I'd been told about my mum and why I remained in care. I believe Social Work and the system failed me. I was a child who depended on adults to protect me, provide stability and help me understand what was happening. Instead, I grew up with fear, insecurity and the belief that love could be taken. My memories remain blurry but the impact is clear. I am 52 and still struggle with trust, relationships, mental health and a need to please others. The manipulation, neglect and insecurity I experienced growing up in care shaped my relationships, parenting and my ability to cope throughout adulthood.