

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Scott Colahan

Date of birth

Day 01

Month 03

Year 1980

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).

Ballikinrain School

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.

1992-1996

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

When I was placed here I was 12 years old

I remember in my first they used to put us up against the wall like we was in the army. They would also make us do wall squats and there was never a time limit on it. If you could no longer hold it they would slap you and tell you to get back up and carry on. I remember the pain in my legs it was unbearable at time.

They also punished us by putting us in cold showers. The time in this cold shower would be between 10-30 minutes depending on how they felt. When I was to get out of this shower my body would hurt so much I felt very hypothermic.

The staff would also watch us get dressed from being naked.

The staff members here were quite vicious in restraining us boys, they used to get us to lie on our belly and put our legs up our back and they called this the surfboard. They staff members would also get us to fight and they would stand there and watch, they literally got a buzz/joy from watching us do. If we said no, they would physically hit us themselves and be laughing with each other. Not only that, if we'd of rejected fighting with each other, they would strip us of our clothes and leave us outside in the freezing cold.

Some staff members by waking us up with come and chuck cold water on us to get us up out of bed.

Another form of punishment would be the cane over the hands and if I moved my hands they would make me put them back and hit me two times more for moving them and they would do this for up to 1-2 hours. To me, that's past the point of punishment, that is physical torture. My hands would be red raw and hurt me for days on end.

I was ashamed of admitting this but I was sexually abused here. This happened when the night staff come on shift and the day staff went home. A male member of staff come in to my room to clean and change my bedsheets. This male member of staff used to get grab my hand and his penis when his pants where down, he would stand there playing with himself. He forced himself into my mouth and he also pulled my pants down and put his mouth around my penis. I was just a little boy at this time and this still sticks with me to this day. I can remember what he looks like and I have so much anger towards him. I am embarrassed that this happened to me and I'm ashamed to admit it to myself or anybody.

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