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Section 1: Personal details

This information will be used to join together Part 1 and Part 3 of your application forms.

Name

Alexis Prowse

Date of birth

Day Month Year

The next section asks you to write your statement of abuse.

Section 2: Your statement of abuse

Please refer to page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance when filling in this form.

Please make sure that whatever way you provide your statement, you include all the information Redress Scotland needs to make a decision. You can find out more on page 35 of “Help to apply”.

You may find that writing this brings up feelings or memories. If you need support you can speak to a case worker who can refer you to further help:

- **Telephone:** 0808 175 0808 (freephone)
- **International:** +44 131 297 6500
Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm (except Scottish public holidays)
- **Email:** apply@redress-scheme.scot

Providing your statement of abuse

In Part 1, you will have provided information about any relevant care settings you were abused in.

In Part 3, you need to provide a statement about your abuse. You can choose how you want to provide your statement. You can complete Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4. Or you can:

- submit a previous statement (for example, a copy of a statement given to the police)
- write your statement in another format that is better suited to you

How to complete this section

You may have been abused in one relevant care setting, or in several different ones.

For this part of the application form, please provide a statement about each care setting you were abused in.

For example, if you were abused in 3 relevant care settings, please provide 3 statements.

You can do this in any order that makes sense to you.

There are pages for 4 care settings included in this form. If you need more copies, you can:

- contact a case worker
- make a copy yourself
- print additional pages from mygov.scot/redress

Please remember:

- there are no wrong answers - if Redress Scotland needs more or different information, your case worker will get in touch with you and let you know
- do not worry about your spelling
- use as much or as little space as you need to give your information - you can continue on additional pages if you want to

Your statement for Care setting 1

Please read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance before you begin.

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).

DREGHORN CHILDRENS HOME

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.

1998

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.

Please read page 36 of “Help to apply” to find out more about what information you may want to include.

On arrival, i was 4 I was very young, scared, and emotional. I was completely unaware of what was going on around me. I only have vague memories from that time, but I remember being told that I was going home, and instead I was taken to a care home. This caused a lot of confusion and distress for me at such a young age, as I did not understand why I was there or what was happening to my life.

I remember feeling very secluded during my time there. I was often alone, and I felt isolated from others. I was also very frightened because the staff would shout at us and laugh at us. One of the things that has stayed with me the most is how they mocked the way we spoke. As we were Travellers, we had our own way of speaking, and instead of being understood or supported, we were made fun of for it. This deeply affected me. It made me feel ashamed of who I was and where I came from.

Because of this treatment, I became very withdrawn. I stopped speaking as much, especially in that environment, because I was scared that I would be laughed at or humiliated. This had a lasting impact on my confidence and my ability to express myself, even into adulthood. I still struggle with this today, and it has affected how I communicate and interact with others.

I remember being locked in my bedroom a lot. I spent long periods alone, and no staff members ever came to ask if I was okay or to check on my wellbeing. I felt completely neglected and invisible. As a child, I needed care, reassurance, and support, but none of that was given to me.

There are certain memories from that time that have stayed with me and continue to affect me deeply. These experiences have had a lasting impact on my mental health. I now suffer from PTSD and anxiety, and I have never been able to fully trust people. The way I was treated made me feel unsafe around others, and that feeling has followed me throughout my life.

I was often made fun of during my time there, which damaged my self-esteem and sense of identity. I felt like I was being judged and rejected for who I was. As a young child, this was extremely confusing and painful to experience.

I felt completely failed as a child. I was emotional, scared, and did not feel protected or cared for in any way. The lack of support and the way I was treated had a significant impact on my mental health from a very early age. As a result of these experiences, I now suffer from depression, which has affected many aspects of my life.

Your statement for Care setting 2

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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).

MARGARET AND GORDON- FOSTER FAMILY

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.

2002

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.

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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

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You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

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See Attached

Your statement for Care setting 3

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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).

Seaton Terrace

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.

2004-2008

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.

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Your statement for Care setting 4

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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).

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.

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.

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Do you want help
with this section?

If you want help before sending in the form, you can:

- read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance
- contact a case worker

The next section has questions about your supporting documents.

Section 3: Supporting documents

Please provide any supporting documents you have related to your abuse in care.

You can find out more about these types of documents on page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance.

In some cases, it may be difficult to find supporting documents. To help with this part of the application, you can:

- include supporting documents when you send this part of the form, if you already have them
- send in your form without any supporting documents – your case worker will get in touch with you and have a conversation about what you can provide

Please tick which option you have chosen:

- I am including supporting documents with my form
- I am not including supporting documents
(if you tick this, a case worker will contact you)
- I am collecting my documents and will submit them a later date

Do you want help
with this section?

If you want help before sending in the form, you can:

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- contact a case worker

The next section has a declaration you must sign and details about how your information is kept and shared.

Section 4: Declaration and privacy notice

In this section, you must sign your form.

For information about how Scotland's Redress Scheme will record and protect your personal information, please read the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme. You can find this on mygov.scot/redress.

Before you send your application you must agree to these statements:

I confirm that the details and information I have given in this application form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that I must notify Scotland's Redress Scheme of changes in my circumstances that may affect my application.

I confirm that if any of the information I gave in Part 1, Section 8 (related to previous payments and convictions) changes, I must let my case worker know.

I confirm that any documents I have provided in support of my application are genuine and any copy is a true copy of the original. I understand that if I provide a document which is not genuine, I may be subject to court proceedings.

I understand that if I give false or misleading information in support of my application or make a fraudulent application I may:

- be subject to court proceedings
- have to re-pay any money I was not entitled to

I confirm I have read and understood the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme which explains how the information I provide will be lawfully used and stored.

Your signature

Date

Next steps

This is the end of Part 3. You do not need to submit your forms all at once. Once you are ready, you can submit your forms by email.

Afterwards, a case worker will contact you to confirm:

- they have received your application
- if they have any follow up questions
- next steps

By email

Please submit your application and any relevant documents to:

[**apply@redress-scheme.scot**](mailto:apply@redress-scheme.scot)

If you would like to contact a case worker

Please use these details to contact a case worker:

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Statement Addendum

Client Name: Alexis Prowse
Date of Birth: 05/02/1994
Care Setting: MARGARET AND GORDON- FOSTER FAMILY
Dates: 2002
Persons Involved:

Full Statement

All of my siblings came here with me, but I ended up staying the longest. During that time, I was treated very badly. I remember feeling like we were treated like animals rather than children. I was only around 10 years old, and all I wanted was to feel part of a family. After my sisters had left, I had no choice but to stay, and I remember desperately wanting a happy, loving family environment. Instead, I was treated horribly.

One memory that has stayed with me very clearly is when I tried to show kindness. I bought flowers for Mother's Day because I wanted to feel like I belonged and to show appreciation. Instead of kindness in return, she reacted angrily. She embarrassed me in front of others, made it very clear that she was not my mum, and called me names while laughing at me. That moment was deeply hurtful and humiliating. It made me feel rejected and unwanted, and it has stayed with me ever since.

I also witnessed my little brother being abused in that home, which was extremely distressing and traumatic for me. On top of that, we were called terrible names related to our family, including being taunted about my dad being a paedophile. This was incredibly damaging and confusing as a child, and it caused me a lot of emotional pain.

After my siblings had left, the treatment towards me became even worse. I felt even more isolated and targeted. They would torment me more frequently, and I had no one there for support. I was often used as what felt like a "guinea pig" for respite carers. I was sent to different respite placements without any say or choice, which made me feel unsettled, unwanted, and like I did not belong anywhere.

At the same time, I was expected to do all the chores in the house. I had to get up and complete everything that was expected of me, and if I did not, I would be punished and left in my room all day. This isolation was extremely damaging. I felt trapped and controlled, with no freedom and no sense of being cared for.

I was also forced to attend church until I was 12 years old. I felt like my beliefs and identity were not respected, and I was being forced into something against my will. This added to my confusion and distress, especially at such a young age.

They regularly used nasty and degrading names towards me. There were also situations where I was wrongly accused — for example, she would blame me and say I had called her a "bitch," even when I had not. I

remember being picked up from school by a social worker and taken to an office, where I had to wait alone at around 9 years old. The foster parents did not turn up, and I was left there again feeling neglected, abandoned, and without any support. This reinforced my feelings that I could not rely on adults to care for me.

They would bully me and my siblings and constantly call us names. I was forced to go to the chip shop for them, yet I was not allowed to go out for myself, even to simple places like the park. I felt like I was being treated like a servant rather than a child. There was no fairness, no care, and no freedom.

Looking back, I feel that my childhood was taken away from me. The way I was treated has had a lasting impact on my mental health. Being forced into religious practices, being controlled, and being emotionally abused also affected my relationships with my siblings. It created distance and strain at a time when we needed each other the most.

The impact on my mental health has been severe and long-lasting. I now suffer from PTSD, depression, and anxiety. I have struggled with emotional abuse throughout my life as a result of these experiences. I find it difficult to trust people, build relationships, and feel safe. they stopped me eating here and caused a eating disorder

One memory that I will never forget is the physical pain and emotional hurt of being grabbed by my wrist after I bought her flowers for Mother's Day. She hurt me physically and, at the same time, told me in front of everyone that she was not my mum. That moment represents so much of what I went through — rejection, humiliation, pain, and a complete lack of care. It is something that has stayed with me and continues to affect me deeply to this day. I was here until 2004 so around the age of 10 11