

Table of contents

Section 1: Personal details	page 2
Section 2: Your statement of abuse	page 3
Section 3: Supporting documents	page 12
Section 4: Declaration and privacy notice	page 13
Next steps	page 14

Section 1: Personal details

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

Name

James Drain

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).

CASTLE TOWARD RESIDENTIAL 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.

1967

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.

FOR AROUND YEAR

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.

I was placed here feeling extremely upset and scared. I had been taken away from my parents and told that I would only be here for a few weeks, which gave me false hope. At the same time, I was separated from my siblings. We asked to stay together, but no one listened to us. That made everything even more distressing, as we were already frightened and confused.

I remember being made to meet people at Glasgow train station, and from there we were taken on a long journey by train and then by boat. I did not understand where I was being taken, and the whole experience was overwhelming and frightening. When I arrived at the castle, I was shocked. It was massive, isolated, and surrounded by nothing—it was on an island. It felt like being completely cut off from the world. I was terrified. That moment has stayed with me ever since. It felt like a nightmare, and even now I can still remember how scared, upset, and emotional I was. I will never forget it. I remember clearly that it was May 1967, and that date has stayed with me all my life.

While I was there, my parents would send postal orders for me, but I never received them. I remember it being around £1.50, and the staff would take it. I never saw any of that money, and it made me feel even more powerless and disconnected from my family.

The staff there were horrible in the way they treated us. The way they spoke to us was harsh, uncaring, and intimidating. They showed no interest in us as children. The whole environment felt like a military-style prison. Many of the staff were ex-army, and that is how they treated me—like I was a soldier rather than a child. They would hit me, shout at me, and call me names. I was forced to get up and do physical exercise, whether I was able to or not.

They would constantly pick at me, provoke me, and torment me throughout the day. I was repeatedly called “fat” and insulted about my appearance. This had a deep impact on how I saw myself and affected my confidence and self-worth from a very young age.

I also had health issues, but these were completely ignored. I was force-fed food that I was not allowed to eat because of my condition, and when I could not eat it, I would be punished for it. Instead of being cared for, I was made to feel like I was at fault for my own health problems. I was humiliated and degraded because of something I could not control.

I suffered here for about a year. My daily routine was strict and harsh—I was made to go to bed at 7pm every night and woken early in the morning, seven days a week. There was no rest, no comfort, and no kindness. Every day felt like I was being controlled and punished. It felt like constant torture, both physically and mentally.

The impact of this experience has stayed with me throughout my life. Being taken from my parents, separated from my siblings, isolated on an island, and treated in such a harsh and abusive way has caused deep and lasting trauma. I have never been able to forget what happened to me there, and it has affected my mental health, my sense of safety, and my ability to trust others ever since. THIS IMPACTED ME METALLY AND PHYSICALLY

Your statement for Care setting 2

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).

LONGRIG END

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.

1967

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.

HERE FOR A FEW WEEKS

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. 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.

Then I arrived at Longriggend, where I immediately noticed it was the same kind of environment, but even worse. The abuse here was much more physical. The staff were violent towards us—they would beat us, kick us, and punch us. I remember being left black and blue from the injuries. It was a toxic and frightening environment where I never felt safe.

I also remember having to wear odd shoes. I had no choice in this—one shoe was a size 9 and the other was a size 7, and they were completely different. I was made fun of because of this, and the staff were the ones who made me wear them in the first place. It was humiliating and degrading, and it made me feel singled out and ashamed.

Food was also used as a punishment. There were many times when we were sent to bed hungry. We had to go into a large dining hall where we were marched in and out in a strict, controlled way. It felt very institutional and harsh. Most of the time, we were locked up for around 23 hours a day, which had a severe impact on my mental health. Being confined like that made me feel trapped, isolated, and desperate.

Inside the cell, we were not allowed to use any furniture other than a chair. If we did, we would be beaten. We were not even allowed to sit on the bed until a certain time. Everything was controlled, and there was no comfort or sense of safety. It felt like I was being constantly watched and punished.

There were also staff members I tried to avoid completely because of their behaviour. Some of them would watch me in the shower and insist on washing our bodies themselves. They would force me to remove my underwear and then point out parts of my body. This was deeply distressing and humiliating. If we refused to comply, we would be beaten—punched in the body and sometimes in the face. These experiences were extremely traumatic and left me feeling violated, ashamed, and powerless.

During my time there, I was suffering very badly, both mentally and physically. I was in constant pain from the abuse, and emotionally I felt completely broken. Even though I was only there for a few weeks, it felt like the longest period of my life because of the intensity of what I was going through every single day.

After those weeks, I was moved on, but the damage had already been done. The experiences I went through there have had a lasting impact on me, affecting my mental health, my sense of safety, and my ability to trust others. My education was down in here I tried to help the other children read letters and we would be punished we was made to be segregated

Your statement for Care setting 3

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).

BERLINNIE PRISON

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.

1967

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.

3 MONTHS - FOR A 20 POUND FINE BECAUSE HE DIDNT HAVE BUS FAIR

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.

Your statement for Care setting 3 continued

I was then placed into another institution where the abuse continued. This time I was housed with older boys, and the environment was even more dangerous. I was bullied not only by the staff but also by the older inmates. It was full of gangs and violence, and it felt like the place was run by the gangs rather than the staff. There were people serving life sentences on the same wing as me, which made me feel even more vulnerable and terrified.

The building had four floors. The top two floors were for lifers, and the lower two floors were for people like me, who were there for much smaller offences. I had been sent there over something minor—I had not paid a fare on the bus because I did not have the money. Despite how small that was, I was placed into a violent and intimidating environment that I was completely unprepared for.

In this place, I was treated like a human punch bag. I was beaten on a daily basis. Both inmates and staff targeted me, and I had no way to defend myself. I was made to do work such as hammering cables. I did not mind working, as it gave me something to do and helped pass the time, but even while I was working, staff would stand over me, intimidate me, and hit me. Because I was new and not known in the prison, I became an easy target.

At meal times, the staff would deliberately put me at a vacant table, knowing what would happen. Other inmates would come over, beat me, take my food, and tell me to move. I was chased around and attacked, and the staff allowed it to happen. There was no protection, and it felt like I was being set up to be hurt.

The abuse from staff continued inside my cell as well. Most nights, officers would come in and punch and kick me, treating it like a joke. On one occasion, I was with two other boys in a small area, and when I told them to leave me alone, the situation escalated. For speaking up, I was taken away and beaten by six or seven staff members in an empty cell. After that, I was left there alone for around three days. There was nothing in the cell except a cover on the floor. I was only given food once or twice during that time. I felt completely abandoned, terrified, and physically broken. It was torture.

After that, they would make me scrub floors on my knees while they shouted abuse at me, called me names, and kicked me while I was down. I was constantly humiliated and physically hurt. I felt like I had no dignity left and no control over anything happening to me.

The impact of everything I went through there has stayed with me for my entire life. I have suffered very badly with anxiety, PTSD, and ongoing nightmares as a direct result of this treatment. These experiences have ruined my life in many ways. I have struggled every day with the trauma, and it has affected my ability to trust people, feel safe, and live a normal life. I feel that I have suffered my whole life because of what happened to me, and I was failed by the very people who were supposed to care for and protect me. i have a date for here i was in here

Your statement for Care setting 4

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).

POLMONT BORSTAL

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.

1967

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.

When I arrived here, I already had no faith in anybody. My body was suffering from everything I had been through, and my mental state was very poor. I had been bullied and beaten everywhere I had been placed, so I had no hope that this place would be any different. Almost immediately, the abuse started again. I was dragged to my cell and treated as if I did not matter. I felt like I was being passed from pillar to post, with no stability and no care for my wellbeing.

When I first arrived, they had an allocation unit where everyone had to spend around six weeks. This was described as a conditioning unit where we were supposed to learn training exercises. During this time, I was kept in a cell on my own, which I did not mind, as I was so used to being isolated and felt safer alone than around others.

However, after about five weeks, I was suddenly called into the governor's office. I was told to pack my bags and wait in my cell until the morning, but I was given no explanation as to why. I remember sitting there, confused, anxious, and fearful, not knowing what was about to happen to me.

The next morning, I was waiting with all my belongings in a pillowcase. From that point on, I was repeatedly taken back and forth to other prisons. I was moved to Saughton Prison and other establishments, where I was beaten daily and, at times, re-arrested for no reason when I had done nothing wrong. It felt like this was being done deliberately to break me down mentally and emotionally.

I was transferred to around 10 to 12 different prisons between Edinburgh and London while still under the care of Polmont Borstal. In each place, I experienced further abuse. I had no family visits during this time, which made me feel completely abandoned and alone. I did try to complain about what was happening, but nothing changed immediately. It took around nine months before I was finally transferred back to Polmont Borstal.

When I returned, the physical and mental abuse continued. I was beaten daily, and the environment was extremely strict and intimidating. We were forced to address staff as "Mr" and "Sir," and they were often more violent than officers I had encountered in other prisons. They treated us like we were nothing, with no respect or humanity. I lived in constant fear and was in constant physical pain.

All of these experiences have had a lifelong impact on me. I do not trust anybody, and I have struggled with severe mental health issues ever since. I suffer from depression, anxiety, PTSD, and ongoing trauma related to everything I went through. This period was the worst time of my entire life, and it has shaped who I am today.

Even now, I struggle to trust people or build relationships. I have had significant mental health difficulties throughout my life. I find it hard to accept authority or follow orders, and I often react in ways I cannot control. The trauma I experienced has affected my behaviour and my ability to cope with

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:

- read page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance
- 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:

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