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Re: Scottish Redress Application - Mr Stuart Munro

DOB: 17 May 1990

Application Reference: APP862985

Dear Sir/Madam,

Covering Letter - Witness Statement and Supporting Exhibits

We write in connection with the above Scottish Redress application. Please find enclosed the Witness Statement of Mr Stuart Munro, together with the supporting exhibits referred to within the statement.

The purpose of the witness statement is to provide Mr Munro's own account of his childhood care placement, the abuse and neglect he describes experiencing while in care, and the impact this has had on his childhood and adult life. The statement is submitted in support of his application to The Scottish Redress Scheme and should be considered alongside the application form and supporting evidence bundle.

The statement explains that Mr Munro was placed into care in Scotland at approximately 10 years old. It records his background before care, the circumstances of his entry into care, and his account of being placed at Rosevale School from January 2000, as supported by the exhibited records.

In summary, the statement describes Mr Munro's account of Emotional and Physical abuse and neglect. It also describes his separation from siblings. The statement further sets out the impact on Mr Munro at the time and throughout his adult life.

The enclosed exhibits include records confirming Mr Munro's placement at Rosevale School, North and West Day Care and St Francis Day Unit and medical records relevant to the impact described in the statement. Some records are redacted where appropriate and should be read together with Mr Munro's account.

The statement also refers to Mr Munro having been prescribed Sertraline. This medication is noted in the statement in the context of anxiety and depression. In general terms, Sertraline can be prescribed to lift low mood and raise serotonin.

Mr Munro attributes his ongoing anxiety and depression to his experiences in care, and therefore the medication evidence may assist Redress Scotland in considering the possible link between his childhood trauma and the ongoing mental health impact described. This is not intended as a medical opinion, but as a summary of the medication evidence and its relevance to the claimed impact.

We respectfully request that Redress Scotland considers the enclosed witness statement, exhibits, application documents and wider evidence bundle when determining Mr Munro's application.

Brief overview of enclosed document

Section / document part	Brief contents
Cover Letter	A cover letter from us addressing key issues in support of our clients Scottish Redress application.
Witness statement	Mr munro's personal account in support of his Scottish Redress application.
Background and entry into care	Personal background, life before care, entry into care, and separation from siblings.
Care placement account	Account of Rosevale School, North and West Day Care and St Francis Day Unit, including dates, daily life, staff conduct, punishments and care arrangements.
Abuse, neglect and reporting	Description of alleged punishment, emotional harm and physical abuse.
Impact evidence	Effect on childhood and adult life, including mental health, relationships, education/employment and medication/treatment.
Supporting exhibits	Placement confirmation and supporting medical records referred to within the statement.
Payment Authority From	A letter setting out reasons for us as the Clients legal representative to receive payment on their behalf together with their authority.

Yours faithfully,

Leah Pearson – Claims Handler

Investigations Team
MMA Legal

WITNESS STATEMENT OF STUART MUNRO

Application to The Scottish Redress Scheme

Applicant: Stuart Munro

Date of Birth: 17 May 1990

Application Reference: APP862985

Support Person Present: No

Background

1. My name is Stuart Munro. I have always been known as Sturt Munro.
2. My address is 0/1 72 Woodville Street, Glasgow, G51 2RX. .
3. I make this statement in support of my application to The Scottish Redress Scheme.
4. The contents of this statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Where I cannot remember exact dates or details, I have made this clear. I confirm I have provided as much detail as I am able to recall.
5. I understand that this statement will be considered as part of my application, together with my application forms and any supporting documents or records provided.
6. Where necessary, I have exhibited extracts of the supporting documents obtained to this statement to support my application.
7. I am happy for this statement to be submitted to the Scottish Redress Inquiry.
8. I do not need any support to conduct this statement today and I do not need anybody with me to complete the statement.

9. I understand the purpose of this statement and that it is in support of my Scottish Redress Application.
10. I do not have nor have I ever had any criminal convictions.
11. I was placed into care whilst under the age of 16. The care setting was based in
12. At the time, I was living in a care setting as part of the care arrangements.
13. I was approximately 7-10 years old when I went into care.
14. I know who placed me into care but not why I was placed into care.
15. The placements I was in were residential schools.

Life before care

16. I grew up in Drumchapel Glasgow with my Mum, 4 Brothers and 2 Sisters.
17. Home life was alright. My mum was involved with social services from when she was young and was a single mother to 7 kids.
18. They put me into residential school from primary school age. I was badly behaved.
19. I wasn't separated from my siblings because I never stayed overnight. Just during the day.

Entry Into Care

20. I can't fully remember how old I was. I was around 7 to 10 years old
21. I know it was primary 4 or 5
22. I know it's because I was a badly behaved kid.

Detailed Account of Each Placement

Rosevale School

23. I entered care with Rosevale School around January 2000 due to disruptive behaviour and suspensions. See **"EXHIBIT 1"**

24. I was placed in this care setting by the Glasgow City Council Social Work Department.
25. I was here for around 2 or 3 years. I didn't stay overnight but all day long.
26. Most of my daily life here was spent stuck in the GP room.
27. We weren't allowed out for play or breaks, we were just locked in a building all day.
28. Food was okay here. It was whatever you were given, you didn't get a choice.
29. They had a little tuck shop where you could buy some crisps or cheese biscuits but they never let you spend over 40p.
30. That only got you a bag of crisps and a few gums.
31. It was a behaviour school.
32. Kids were constantly playing up.
33. You would always get shouted at.
34. We would be locked in a room or restrained by the teachers.
35. Now I am older I know none of this was normal.
36. If you misbehaved you would be locked in a cupboard or a room.
37. Sometimes they would take you out of the classroom and to the headmasters office where her and 3 teachers would pin you down and take your trainers so you can't leave.
38. She was called Kathleen Fraser.
39. This would happen all the time.
40. if anyone got into trouble this would happen.
41. They never spoke to you, just jumped and pinned you down.
42. I didn't want to go to school because of what was happening.
43. I tried to run away a few times.
44. One time i managed to get away 8/9 years old an hours walk

45. This happened to everyone. You just couldn't see it happening.

46. I never told anyone because at that age I was naughty and thought this was normal.

47. It was like a prison

48. I felt threatened.

North and West Day Care

49. I then entered North and West Day Care as a temporary placement before I got moved to Secondary. See "**EXHIBIT 2**"

50. This was approximately February 2003 in Glasgow Maryhill.

51. This was also an open residential school but I am unsure how long I was here for.

52. We never really did any school work here.

53. We just played about.

54. The food was alright here too.

55. They had their own chef so the meals were pretty good.

56. They even had sweets and juice for us.

57. It didn't feel like a jail.

58. You felt more free.

59. The staff were friendly

60. You didn't feel threatened.

St Francis Day Unit

61. I entered St Francis around February 2004 as I began Secondary School. See "**EXHIBIT 3**"

62. This was also an open residential school in North Lanarkshire.

63. There wasn't really much school work here either.

64. We would sit in a classroom and watch videos

65. They had a pool table

66. I don't remember much about the food here.

67. We maybe got a roll or some sort of packed lunch but I don't think I ever got a full meal.
68. The staff were like they were in the army.
69. We went into the residential part and were chased by 4 staff with walkie talkies.
70. They caught me and put me in a separate room with 1 chair and threatened to keep me overnight
71. That was the first time and last.
72. Locked the door and left me there.
73. Nothing, just a single chair in an old bungalow on the land.
74. Threatened to keep me overnight.
75. Left me for about an hour.
76. I got let out when it was time to go home.
77. I never went back to my classroom.
78. Teachers and staff did this, it was more like an army
79. It was a 1 time occurrence because i refused to go back
80. After this, I immediately suffered from fear.
81. Ever since then I have found it hard to trust people.
82. I don't know if this happened to anyone else.
83. I got grabbed.
84. The other boys would've experienced it too.
85. I never told anyone.
86. I just kept it to myself out of fear.
87. It was ten times worse than any other placement.
88. It was ran like the military
89. You were constantly being watched.

People involved, reporting an institutional Knowledge

90. The teachers were always the ones involved.

91. The headmaster was too.
92. The abuse happened to many of us but you wouldn't see it as they would use the headmasters office or the art room from time to time.
93. The staff did know what was happening.
94. They were doing it.
95. They would take our trainers just so we couldn't go home.
96. I was disbelieved.
97. I was very young and thought these were all normal rules and punishments.
98. I never reported any of this to the police.

Movement and leaving care

99. I was moved to different schools due to my age.
100. I did run away a few times.
101. The police caught me once
102. I refused to return to St Francis and asked to move
103. I got told if I didn't go to school I would have to be put into an overnight residential.
104. I left school at 14
105. I turned to alcohol.

Impact On Life Past/Present/Future

106. Trusting people is hard.
107. I felt anxious because I thought it was normal
108. I never got to finish education
109. I have had 3 children to 3 different women
110. Each relationship has failed because i cant trust anyone
111. I didn't even know about redress until a friend told me
112. I thought if i spoke to social services they would say it was the problem

- 113. I have attempted to take my own life
- 114. I was 15, about a year and a half after leaving these places
- 115. I jumped in front of a bus in an attempt to take my own life
- 116. I self harm because of what happened to me
- 117. I suffer from fear, nightmares, anxiety and depression.
- 118. I have suicidal thoughts still.
- 119. I don't want to do it, I just get these thoughts sometimes.
- 120. I am being tested for ADHD.
- 121. I get these depressive episodes where I lock myself away for weeks and turn my phone off.
- 122. I turned to alcohol and substance use. Cocaine, Cannabis...
- 123. This has affected my whole family life.
- 124. I like being alone
- 125. I'd rather be by myself.
- 126. I can't get a full time job because of these episodes.
- 127. I have had many jobs but my depressive episodes stop me from keeping one.
- 128. When I get bad, I try to avoid everything.
- 129. I think if i wasn't in these care settings, i would have done my GCSE's
- 130. I would have a good job
- 131. A good marriage
- 132. I don't think I know I would.
- 133. My mental health started around a year after leaving.

Support and treatment

- 134. I was previously prescribed Sertraline for my depression but i= didn't like it "**EXHIBIT 4**"
- 135. I am waiting for a hospital appointment with a psychiatrist

136. I take insomnia tablets from time to time
"EXHIBIT 5"
137. I have been diagnosed with anxiety and
depression " EXHIBIT 6"
138. The hospital believe i may have bipolar disorder

Supporting Evidence & Records

139. I understand that records and documents may be considered
alongside this statement. I have exhibited, as necessary, documents to
this statement.
140. I have also provided a bundle of evidence in addition to this
statement, these are all of the relevant documents my legal
representatives have been able to obtain on my behalf, from relevant
institutions, local authorities, and medical practices.
141. Some records may be incomplete, missing, or unavailable due to
the passage of time. Where records are missing, I ask that my own
account still be considered carefully. I have done all in my power, with
the assistance of my legal representative, to obtain and provide as much
evidence as possible.
142. I have had my legal representative to redact any information
that's not relevant to my Scottish Redress Application.

Difficulties with Memory and Gaps in Evidence

143. The events described happened many years ago. Some dates,
names and details are difficult for me to remember.
144. My memory has also been affected by the trauma of what
happened to me.
145. Where I have used approximate dates or descriptions, I have done
so honestly and to the best of my recollection.
146. I have not intentionally exaggerated or included anything that I
do not believe to be true.

Previous claims, applications or payments

147. I have not previously made any civil claim, criminal injuries claim, Redress application, complaint, police report, inquiry statement or claim to another scheme about this abuse.

148. I have not received any payment, apology, settlement or decision, or signed any waiver/discharge.

Why Am I Applying to the Scottish Redress Scheme

149. I want people to know these things really did happen

150. I want other victims to know they weren't alone

151. I thought it was normal but now i know it wasnt

152. I want justice.

153. I want them to pay more attention to these things

154. I want them stopped if it is still happening

155. It is not a good feeling having adults take advantage of you when they are supposed to care for you

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Name: Stuart Munro

Signed:

Dated:

EXHIBIT 1

Stuart started attendance at Rosevale School in January 2000. Stuart has been reported by primary school staff as having no learning difficulties, consequently an educational assessment was not indicated.

EXHIBIT 2

Date of Initial Review:

North and West Day Care Unit
41 Doncaster Street
Glasgow G20 7DQ
Telephone No: 0141 945 3302
Fax No: 0141 946 4879

INITIAL REVIEW REPORT

Name: STUART MUNRO

Date of Review: 07.03.03

Recommendations from Previous Review:

N/A

Summary of Discussion:

Stuart's Admission Meeting took place on 07.02.03. The reasons for Stuart's referral to Day Care were:-



Stuart began the Day Care assessment programme starting on 14.02.03.
has completed his assessment period. Stuart's attendance has been



EXHIBIT 3

ST. FRANCIS DAY UNIT, PLAINS

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Pupil's Name:

Stuart Munro

D.O.B.:

D.O.A:

23/2/04

EXHIBIT 4

25-Feb-2015 Dr Andrew McCall (AM8397) Barclay Victoria Park Medical PracticeMain Surgery

06-Nov-2023	Medication	Medication	Gertraline Hydrochloride Tablets 50 mg 56 tablet ONE TO BE TAKEN EACH DAY
	Problem		Anxiety with depression
	Comment		Medication increased --> Rx as ##, worsening state advice given, any problems contact surgery or OOH sick line countersigned and COPIED
	Attachment		eMED3 (2010) new statement issued, not fit for work FitNote.pdf, (Diagnosis: Anxiety with depression, **** insomnia. He has been referred for a psychiatric review; Duration: 10/02/2015 - 27/04/2015)
	Problem		[D]Insomnia NOS
	Problem		Psychiatric referral - sdone
	Problem		Poor compliance
	Problem		Problem binge drinking

EXHIBIT 5

18-Mar-2022 Mrs Gillian Henry (GH2572) Barclay Victoria Park Medical PracticeMain Surgery

History	sertraline 50mgs not improving anxiety levels given pregabalin tablet by a friend found this highly effective- advised very strongly against this. No thoughts of self-harm, well presented, no evidence of disorder of thought, reactive voice pattern over the phone, no illicit drugs.
Comment	Options discussed not keen to increase sertraline 50mgs to 100mgs agreed to ref for online ****, Stuart will call back in here if needing further support.

03-Mar-2022 Mrs Gillian Henry (GH2572) Barclay Victoria Park Medical PracticeMain Surgery

History	Telephone encounter promethazine not helping normally goes to bed if sleep then unable to sleep until 2-3 am, watches telly to relax going to the gym has a cup of tea before bed. started sertraline one week ago
Comment	Sleep hygiene, Sleepio app discussed sertraline should improve insomnia in a few weeks, to call back in if not improving.

24-Feb-2022 Dr David Byford (DB3862) Telephone Consultation

06-Nov-2023	Medication	Medication	Promethazine Hydrochloride Tablets 25 mg 7 tablet ONE AT NIGHT
	Problem		Anxiety state NOS
	History		Anxiety levels have recurred again lately. Alludes to problems in the neighbourhood, door getting smashed in etc. Keen to re-start medication.
	Comment		Re-start sertraline 50mg daily (last issue was in 2019). Review 2-4 weeks. Mentioned a few times about poor sleep pattern - short course of promethazine. Also requested fit note for Job Centre.
	Attachment		eMED3 (2010) new statement issued, not fit for work FitNote.pdf, (Diagnosis: Anxiety; Duration: 24/02/22 - 24/03/2022)

EXHIBIT 6

18-Mar-2015	Read Code	Alcohol problem drinking
25-Feb-2015	Read Code	Anxiety with depression
16-Dec-2014	Read Code	[D]Insomnia NOS