

# Scotland's Redress Scheme

## Application form **Part 3**

### Additional statement pages

Name

Angela Wood

Date of birth

Day  Month  Year

## Your statement for additional care settings

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).

Glasgow

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.

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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.

## Your statement for additional care settings

### Foster Care/Social Services

Looking back, I experienced neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse throughout my time in care. The physical abuse mainly involved being beaten with belts. There were always punishments and consequences. At the time, I believed that was simply what happened because it was my normal. I accepted it without questioning it. I also lost any chance of an education because I was hardly ever in school.

I experienced a lot of sexual abuse at home. The sexual abuse in care was different but just as damaging. Male staff would touch me inappropriately, try to get into my underwear, touch my hair and kiss my face. When I tried to run away, they would grab me and pretend they were only playing or tickling me so they had an excuse if anyone saw. Eventually, I stopped speaking about it altogether. I just let it happen because I didn't believe anyone would listen. The emotional abuse was constant. I was made to believe I was lying or imagining things. I was always running away because I didn't feel safe, but nobody ever understood why. The police were often called to bring me back. By the age of eleven, I had started drinking with adults while wandering the streets because Stuart simply didn't care. He neglected us completely.

As I got older, I developed an eating disorder. It became my way of coping because it gave me some control over my life. It was easy not to eat because we had already become used to going hungry.

The abuse has affected every aspect of my adult life. I have required sexual counselling. My relationship with my children has suffered. I would never allow my ex-husband to see my daughters in the bath or while they were getting changed because I had absolutely no trust in men. It destroyed my marriage. I continue to live with the effects of both the physical and psychological trauma. I feel as though I am just surviving rather than living.

I am easily triggered by day to day life. Anything can trigger me, the smell of certain men, particular words, songs on the radio or unexpected physical touch. I rarely tell people about what happened because I don't want to be treated differently. My sister has severe mental health problems. We have both experienced breakdowns. When I was 33 years old, I was sectioned and admitted to Hospital in Manchester. My ex-husband took my children and told people I was mentally ill. My own children have gone on to develop eating disorders and other difficulties. I believe this is part of the lasting impact of what happened to me as a child and because nobody listened when I tried to tell them what was happening.