

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 2**

Additional statement pages

Name

Antony Cashmore

Date of birth

Day 10 Month 10 Year 1981

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).

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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.

Part 2 of the application form provides more information about what you may want to include.

Your statement for additional care settings

Whilst I was there, I experienced medical neglect. I was not given my vaccinations when I should have been, which has left me with long-term health effects. Whenever I tried to raise concerns or challenge what was happening, I would get into trouble instead of being listened to.

I was also trying to adjust to being in the institution, which was incredibly difficult. During my time there, I was assaulted with locks and suffered injuries. I understand that staff may have been trained to use restraint techniques, but looking back, the force used against me was excessive and unnecessary.

On one occasion, I was stripped naked and then placed in solitary confinement for a couple of days. It was humiliating, and I felt completely neglected and powerless.

I know that I was disruptive at times and that I sometimes caused problems. However, I was still a child. Rather than receiving the care, understanding, and support I needed, I was repeatedly punished. Looking back, I believe my behaviour should have been seen as a sign that I needed help, not as a reason to subject me to further punishment.

Being called names like "beasts" and other degrading insults had a profound effect on me. It was humiliating and deeply damaging to my self-esteem and confidence. No child should be spoken to in that way.

Looking back, I believe that treatment like this can have a serious impact on a person's mental health. It can leave someone feeling worthless, hopeless, and, in some cases, contribute to thoughts of ending their own life. I do not believe anyone should be treated in such a degrading and dehumanising manner.

At the time, I felt like I could never win against them. They held all the power, whether through their position, resources, money, or influential connections. It seemed impossible to challenge them or hold them accountable.

My experience was that when mistakes were made by those in authority, they would rely on their position and the systems around them to defend themselves rather than acknowledge what had happened. It felt as though they used policies, procedures, and legal processes to protect themselves and to fight back against anyone who raised concerns. From my perspective, they always seemed prepared, while I felt powerless and unable to have my voice heard.

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