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Re: Scottish Redress Application - Ms Frances McGowan

DOB: 19 January 1969

Application Reference: APP976972

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 Ms Frances McGowan, together with the supporting exhibits referred to within the statement.

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

The statement explains that Ms McGowan was placed into care in Scotland at 6 years and 10 months old. It records her background before care, the circumstances of her entry into care, and her account of being placed at Nazareth House from 11 December 1975 to 13 August 1976, as supported by the exhibited records.

In summary, the statement describes Ms McGowan's account of physical and emotional abuse and neglect. It also describes her separation from siblings, her attempts to tell her mother, and the difficulties she experienced in reporting or speaking about the abuse as a child. The statement further sets out the impact on Ms McGowan at the time and throughout her adult life.

The enclosed exhibits include records confirming Ms McGowan's placement at Nazareth House and medical records relevant to the impact described in the statement. Some records are redacted where appropriate and should be read together with Ms McGowan's account.

The statement also refers to Ms McGowan having been prescribed Propranolol, Zopiclone, Diazepam and Sertraline. These medications are noted in the statement in the context of anxiety, separation anxiety, OCD and depression. In general terms, Sertraline is commonly prescribed for depression and anxiety-related symptoms, Propranolol may be used to help manage physical symptoms of anxiety, Zopiclone is used for short-term sleep difficulties, and Diazepam may be used for anxiety or acute distress.

Ms McGowan attributes her ongoing anxiety, OCD and depression to her experiences in care, and therefore the medication evidence may assist Redress Scotland in considering the possible link between her 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.

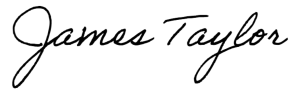
We respectfully request that Redress Scotland considers the enclosed witness statement, exhibits, application documents and wider evidence bundle when determining Ms McGowan's application.

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	Ms McGowan's personal account in support of her 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 Nazareth House, including dates, daily life, staff conduct, punishments and care arrangements.
Abuse, neglect and reporting	Description of alleged rough treatment, cold-bath punishment, emotional harm, reporting to her mother and barriers to disclosure.
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,

James Taylor – Claims Operations Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Taylor". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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