



Mr Stuart Munro
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17 August 2026

Dear Mr Stuart Munro

We are writing to follow up regarding your Witness Statement, which was recently sent to you for review and signature. At present, we are unable to submit your application to Redress Scotland until we receive your signed Witness Statement.

The sooner we receive the signed document, the sooner we can finalise your application and submit it for assessment and await a panel date for a decision.

We are pleased to advise that we are hearing encouraging reports from recently successful applicants, with many receiving decisions and payment from Redress Scotland within approximately 8 to 12 weeks of their application being submitted.

Whilst every application is assessed on its own merits and timescales cannot be guaranteed, returning your signed Witness Statement promptly will allow us to submit your application as soon as possible.

Signing Your Witness Statement Electronically

If you would prefer not to print the document, you can sign it electronically using **Adobe Acrobat Reader**, which is free to use.

1. Open the PDF.
2. Click the "**Fill & Sign**" tool (or select "**Sign**" if prompted).
3. Click "**Add Signature**".
4. You can:
 - Type your name,
 - Draw your signature using your mouse or touchscreen, or

- Upload an image of your signature.
5. Click **Apply**.
 6. Position your signature in the signature box and click to place it.
 7. Save the document.
 8. Reply to our email and attach the signed PDF or send it back to us using the method previously agreed.

If you experience any difficulty signing the document electronically, please contact us and we will be happy to assist or discuss alternative options.

Once we receive your signed Witness Statement, we will complete our final review and submit your application to Redress Scotland without delay.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Investigations Team on **0161 570 0550** or by email at **evidence@mmalegal.co.uk**. We look forward to receiving your signed Witness Statement and progressing your application.

Yours sincerely,

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF STUART MUNRO

Application to The Scottish Redress Scheme

Applicant: Mr 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 Stuart 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 and have never 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 9 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, four brothers and two sisters. My own recollection is that home life felt alright to me, although my mum had been involved with social services from a young age and was a single mother to seven children; I have since seen records which describe significant family difficulties.
17. From primary-school age, I attended specialist school and day placements because of behavioural difficulties. I was not separated from my siblings by these placements because I was not resident overnight and attended during the day, although I did take part in trips away from home.

Entry Into Care

18. I cannot fully remember how old I was when I first entered these arrangements. Based on the records, I was about nine or ten years old when I started at Rosevale, and I now understand that behavioural difficulties were part of the reason for the placement.

Detailed Account of Each Placement

Rosevale School

19. I started attending Rosevale School around January 2000 due to disruptive behaviour and suspensions and was placed there by Glasgow City Council Social Work Department. I attended Rosevale for around two or three years and did not stay there overnight; I attended during the day.
20. Most of my daily life there was spent stuck in the GP room and, in my recollection, we were not allowed out for play or breaks and were just locked in the building all day.
21. The food was ok, but you ate whatever you were given and did not get a choice. There was a little tuck shop where you could buy crisps or cheese biscuits, although we were not allowed to spend more than 40p, which would only get a bag of crisps and a few pieces of chewing gum.
22. It was a behaviour school where children were constantly playing up, and I remember being shouted at, locked in rooms and restrained by teachers. Now that I am older, I know that what I experienced did not feel normal to me.
23. If you misbehaved, you could be locked in a cupboard or a room. Sometimes I would be taken out of the classroom to the headteacher's office, where the headteacher and three teachers would pin me down and take my trainers so I could not leave.

24. I remember the headteacher as Kathleen Fraser, and this sort of thing happened regularly when children got into trouble; rather than speaking to you, they would jump on you and pin you down.
25. I did not want to go to school because of what was happening and tried to run away a few times. On one occasion, while I was still in primary school, I managed to get away and had about an hour's walk.
26. I believed this happened to other children too, although you would not necessarily see it happening, and I never told anyone because at that age I thought I was naughty and that this was normal.
27. To me, the placement felt like a prison and I felt threatened. I have since seen records which describe me as engaging positively at Rosevale at times, but that does not reflect the incidents and restrictions I have described above.

North and West Day Care

28. I then attended North and West Day Care as a temporary placement after St Columba's High School while a longer-term placement was being arranged. This was around February 2003 in Maryhill, Glasgow.
29. It was a day care unit and I am unsure how long I was there, but I remember it as much less formal and more activity-based than ordinary school; the records also show that I attended classes in English, maths, geography and outdoor education.
30. The food was alright and they had their own chef, so the meals were pretty good, with sweets and juice available for us. It did not feel like a jail, I felt more free, the staff were friendly and I did not feel threatened.

St Francis Day Unit

31. I entered St Francis in February 2004 during my secondary-school years. It was St Francis Day Unit in North Lanarkshire, and I do not remember there being much schoolwork; we would sit in a classroom and watch videos, and there was a pool table.
32. I do not remember much about the food and think we may have had a roll or some sort of packed lunch rather than a full meal.
33. The staff felt to me as though they were in the army. On one occasion, we went into the residential part and I was chased by four staff members with walkie-talkies.

34. The staff caught me, put me in a separate room containing only one chair and threatened to keep me overnight; the door was locked and I was left there for about an hour before being let out when it was time to go home. I never went back to my classroom after that.
35. That was the first and last time the incident happened because I refused to go back. The experience caused me immediate fear and, ever since then, I have found it difficult to trust people.
36. I remember being grabbed and I believe other boys may have experienced similar treatment, although I do not know for certain and never told anyone because I kept it to myself out of fear. To me, St Francis was ten times worse than any other placement, was run like the military and involved being constantly watched.

People involved, reporting an institutional Knowledge

37. The teachers were always the ones involved and the headteacher was involved too. I believe the abuse happened to many of us, but you would not necessarily see it because they would use the headteacher's office or the art room.
38. In my view, the staff knew what was happening because they were doing it, including taking our trainers so that we could not go home.
39. I kept what happened to myself at the time because I was very young and thought these were normal rules and punishments. I never reported any of this to the police.

Movement and leaving care

40. I was moved to different schools as I got older and did run away a few times; on one occasion the police caught me.
41. I refused to return to St Francis and asked to move, and I was told that if I did not go to school I would have to be placed in an overnight residential setting. I left school at 14 and turned to alcohol.

Impact On Life Past/Present/Future

42. Trusting people is hard for me and I have suffered with anxiety. I did not finish my education and I have had three children with three different women; each of those relationships has failed, which I believe is connected to my difficulty trusting people.
43. I did not know about redress until a friend told me, and I had previously thought that if I spoke to social services they would say I was the problem.

44. I have attempted to take my own life and clearly remember doing so at 15, about a year and a half after leaving these placements, when I jumped in front of a bus. I have since seen records referring to an earlier reported suicide attempt and threats of self-harm while I was still in education placements, which I do not now remember clearly.
45. I self-harm because of what happened to me and suffer from fear, nightmares, anxiety and depression, as well as suicidal thoughts that still occur from time to time even though I do not want to act on them.
46. I am awaiting assessment for possible ADHD and experience depressive episodes during which I lock myself away for weeks and turn my phone off. I also turned to alcohol and substance use, including cocaine and cannabis, and this has affected my whole family life.
47. I like being alone and would rather be by myself. I cannot keep a full-time job because of these episodes, and although I have had many jobs, my depressive episodes have stopped me from keeping them; when I get bad, I try to avoid everything.
48. I believe that, if I had not been in these placements, I would have completed my school qualifications and would have had a good job and a good marriage. I also now understand from the records that my mental health difficulties appear to have started earlier than I had remembered because concerns were recorded while I was still in education placements.

Support and treatment

49. I was previously prescribed sertraline for anxiety and depression. At times it appears to have helped, but more recently I felt antidepressants made my symptoms worse and I did not like taking them.
50. I am waiting for further psychiatric assessment following a referral and take medication for insomnia from time to time.
51. I have been diagnosed with anxiety and depression. I believe bipolar disorder has been raised as a possibility, although I do not have a confirmed diagnosis of bipolar disorder in the records I have seen.

Supporting Evidence & Records

52. I understand that records and documents may be considered alongside this statement and I have exhibited documents where necessary.

- 53. I have also provided a bundle of the relevant evidence my legal representatives have been able to obtain on my behalf from institutions, local authorities and medical practices.
- 54. Some records may be incomplete, missing or unavailable because of the passage of time.
- 55. Where records are missing, I ask that my own account still be considered carefully because I have done all I can, with the assistance of my legal representative, to obtain and provide as much evidence as possible.
- 56. I have asked my legal representative to redact any information that is not relevant to my Scottish Redress Application.

Difficulties with Memory and Gaps in Evidence

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

Previous claims, applications or payments

- 59. 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.
- 60. I have not received any payment, apology, settlement or decision, nor have I signed any waiver or discharge.

Why Am I Applying to the Scottish Redress Scheme

- 61. I want people to know that these things really did happen, and I want other victims to know that they were not alone.
- 62. At the time I thought what was happening was normal, but now I know it was not, and I want justice.
- 63. I want more attention to be paid to these issues and, if this is still happening, I want it stopped.
- 64. It is not a good feeling to have 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: Mr Stewart Munro

Signed:

Dated:



Mr Stuart Munro
0/1, 72 Woodville Street
Glasgow
G51 2RX

Date: 17 August 2026

Dear Mr Stuart Munro,

Your Reference: 100251,

Please find enclosed a Client Authority Form for you to review, sign and return to us.

This document confirms that, should you receive an award from the Scottish Redress Scheme, you authorise MMA Legal to receive the redress payment on your behalf into our regulated client account.

Once the funds are received, they will be held securely and then transferred on to you.

The purpose of this authority is to ensure that any payment is received safely, properly recorded on your file, and dealt with promptly. Please note that any redress payment remains your compensation.

Once any compensation payment is received by us, the funds will be paid into our regulated client account and held on your behalf. Before the balance is released to you, we will complete the necessary internal checks, including verification of the payment received, confirmation of your payment details, and any required client account/compliance checks.

In accordance with the terms of your Conditional Fee Agreement, a success fee of 16% plus VAT will be deducted from the compensation received before the remaining balance is transferred to you. A clear breakdown of the payment, deduction, VAT and final balance payable to you will be provided for your records.

This authority simply allows us, as your legal representative, to receive the funds on your behalf before sending them to you.

If you are happy to proceed, please sign and date the enclosed authority form and return it to us at your earliest convenience. You can return it by email to evidence@mmalegal.co.uk.

Should you have any questions about the form or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Scottish Redress / Redress Scotland

Re: Mr Stuart Munro
Date of Birth: 17 May 1990
Scottish Redress Application Reference: APP862985
Our Reference: 100251

Client Authority

I, Mr Stuart Munro, authorise MMA Legal LTD to receive any Scottish Redress payment awarded to me on my behalf. I understand that the payment remains my compensation and that it will be held in the firm's client account before being transferred to me.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____



Your Scottish Redress Application

What Happens Next?

Thank you for choosing **MMA Legal Limited** to represent you in your application to the **Scottish Redress Scheme**.

We appreciate that talking about your experiences may have been difficult, and we are committed to making this process as straightforward as possible.

This guide explains where your application is currently and what will happen next.

Your Progress

- 1. Initial Instructions ✓ Completed
 - 2. Evidence Collection ✓ Completed / Ongoing
 - 3. Witness Statement ← You Are Here
 - 4. Final Review
 - 5. Application Submitted
 - 6. Redress Assessment
 - 7. Decision
 - 8. Payment (if awarded)
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Step 1 – Your Witness Statement

Your Witness Statement has been prepared using the information you provided during your interview.

This statement forms one of the most important parts of your application.

Before returning your statement, please make sure you have:

- ☐ Read the statement carefully.
- ☐ Checked that everything is accurate.
- ☐ Told us about any changes you would like.
- ☐ Signed the declaration page using a **wet ink signature**.
- ☐ Dated the declaration.
- ☐ Returned the signed statement using the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

We cannot submit your application until we receive your signed Witness Statement.

The sooner we receive your signed statement, the sooner we can progress your application.

Step 2 – Final Review

Once we receive your signed Witness Statement, our Investigations Team will:

- Review your entire case.
- Ensure all available evidence has been obtained.
- Check your application for accuracy and completeness.
- Prepare your application for submission.

If we need anything further from you, we will contact you.

Step 3 – Application Submission

Once your application has been completed, we will submit it to **Redress Scotland** on your behalf.

You will receive confirmation from us once this has been done.

From this point onwards, Redress Scotland will assess your application.

Step 4 – Assessment

A Redress Scotland Panel will carefully consider:

- Your Witness Statement
- Your care records
- Medical records
- Social work records
- School records
- Any other supporting evidence

Every application is assessed individually.

Should Redress Scotland request any further information, MMA Legal will deal with this for you and keep you updated throughout.

Step 5 – Decision

When Redress Scotland has reached a decision:

- We will contact you immediately.
 - We will explain the decision in full.
 - We will answer any questions you may have.
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Step 6 – Payment

We are pleased to share that we are hearing encouraging reports from recently successful applicants.

Many applicants are currently receiving their Redress payment within approximately **8–12 weeks** from the date their application is submitted.

Please note that these timescales are based on recent experiences and **cannot be guaranteed**, as every application is different.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I change my Witness Statement?

Yes.

If your application has not yet been submitted, please contact us as soon as possible and we will amend your statement.

Will you keep me updated?

Absolutely.

We will contact you whenever there is a significant update on your application.

Do I need to contact Redress Scotland?

No.

MMA Legal will deal directly with Redress Scotland on your behalf unless we advise you otherwise.

How long will everything take?

Every application is different.

The length of time depends on factors such as:

- The evidence available.
- Whether further information is requested.
- The number of applications being considered by Redress Scotland.

We will keep you informed throughout.

Need to Speak to Us?

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Our Commitment to You

At MMA Legal, we understand that making a Scottish Redress application is about much more than completing paperwork.

Our role is to support you with professionalism, compassion and respect throughout your claim. We will guide you through every stage of the process, keep you informed of progress, and ensure your application is presented as thoroughly as possible.

Thank you for placing your trust in MMA Legal Limited.