

STREAMLINED WITNESS STATEMENT INTERVIEW TEMPLATE

Application to the Scottish Redress Scheme | Target interview time: 45-60 minutes

How to keep the call within one hour: Prefill dates, placements and record-based information before the call. Ask the short core questions first. Only use the detailed prompt bank where the client identifies that type of harm. Do not read every example aloud. Where the same pattern occurred at more than one institution, record what was the same and ask only what was different. At 55 minutes, finish the current incident, complete the welfare check and record any follow-up action rather than rushing sensitive evidence.

Suggested time plan

Stage	Target time	Approach
Opening and consent	3 minutes	Confirm welfare, control of the meeting and consent.
Background and entry into care	7 minutes	Ask once for the whole statement, not for each placement.
Chronology	5 minutes	Confirm the prefilled placement list and correct any gaps.
Placements and harm	25-30 minutes	Use one compact placement sheet per institution; relevant prompts only.
Impact, support and evidence	10-12 minutes	Ask once across the whole life course.
Reason for applying and close	3-5 minutes	Final information and welfare check.

Client and application details - prefill before the call

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Applicant full name	Colin Sanders
Date of birth	11 March 1972
Current address	12 County Houses, Lochend, Invernesshire, IV3 8JZ
Application reference	APP855512
Statement taker / interviewer	Leah Pearson - Claims Handler
Date and method of meeting	24/08 - telephone
Legal representative / organisation	MMA Legal Ltd
Known support needs or adjustments	N/A

1. Opening and consent

Suggested opening: You are in control of this meeting. You may take a break, skip a question or ask me to reword anything. Some questions may be upsetting because they concern your time in care and its impact.

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Are you comfortable and happy to continue today?	Y
Do you need anyone with you, a break or any other adjustment?	N
Do you understand the purpose of the statement and agree that it may be used for your Scottish Redress application and supporting evidence?	Y

2. Personal background and entry into care

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Where did you grow up, and who lived with you before care?	Just outside Glasgow in Anberslang. Moved to Inverness later on. I think my father. Estate with 3 high rises, unsure if mum was there. In a flat. Own bedroom
What was home life like before care? Include any family, health, education or social work difficulties that are relevant.	All over the place to be honest. I have messed up memories. Living with my dad, mum, auntie and uncles. I remember moving up from Glasgow and sitting in the kitchen with my family. Don't remember much after. Mum was there for a while and father would come see me now and then. Mum left me with my father Granny lived in separate block of flats, young boy. Playing football with the kids on the field outside the flats. Uncle came to get me saying my granny wanted to see me. He took me into the bedroom and sexually assaulted me. He made me look at a magazine while he did what he wanted to me. No one believed me. Penetration. Mum's brother. Tried to tell my mum, told to stop making up stories. Ian Jamieson (uncle) My uncle George would put me in a dog kennel and make me eat dog food.
How did you come to enter care, who made the decision, and were you told why?	Not sure how old. Place in Glasgow we'd go after school can't remember name. Force fed me plum tomatoes. Dad had problems with alcohol. If they did tell me I can't remember. I rang social services and said I was scared. My dad beat me, his partner beat me, my step siblings (Michael and Kevin now in prison for sexual assault on children) would flash each other. My auntie Violet would fash me. I thought going to social work would help
Did you have siblings, and were you separated from any of them?	n/a
How old were you when you first entered care, and how did you feel at the time?	1st time was young - still in primary school. Felt scared, hard to ever say no if you didn't want to do something. The word no wasn't an option.
Is there anything important about your childhood health, learning needs, vulnerability or name history that should be recorded?	Not best at maths n English

3. Care placement chronology - confirm rather than rebuild on the call

Efficiency rule: Use records to prefill this table. Read the list back to the client and ask whether anything is missing or incorrect. A return home may be included where it helps explain the sequence.

No.	Care setting / institution	Location	Approx. dates / age	Placing authority	Notes / source
1	Rosehaugh Children's Home		Mar 1982 - Jul 1982		

No.	Care setting / institution	Location	Approx. dates / age	Placing authority	Notes / source
2	Mrs Geddes foster placement		Sep 1985 17 oct 1985		
3	Dalneigh Children's Centre		Late 1985 1986		
	Short-term foster home / Mrs Park, Dunvegan, Skye		1986 - November 1987		
	Ferintosh House		11 Dec 1987 - 18 Jul 1988		
	Dunvegan / Skye YTS placement		18 Jul 1988 onward		

4. Compact placement sheet - complete one per institution

Placement interview rule: Aim for 5-7 minutes per institution. Start with the combined harm question. Tick the relevant categories and use only the matching prompts on the next page. Obtain one clear example per relevant type, plus the most serious incident if different.

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Institution name, location, approximate dates / age and who placed you there	Rosedene Children's Home March 1982 - July 1982
What type of setting was it, and how long were you there?	4 months - children's home In twice
In a few sentences, what was ordinary daily life like: accommodation, routines, school/work, food, clothing, hygiene and contact with family?	A really big house like a spiral building, 2 staircases, 2 floors maybe 3. Large steps at the back. Toilets shared, you had to take you to the toilet. Very strictly clean. Sharing a room and my own. I went to lochardle primary school. Food - 3 meals, made me eat blue cheese and i didnt like it and i vomited they tried to make me eat my own vomit. No options at mealtimes depending on the staff. Everyone would eat together. Sometimes we had to help in the kitchen. Food was used against you. Can't remember about clothing. Would have been second hand clothing. I can't remember ever receiving my own toiletries. I remember using soap when the staff came in and scrubbed us.
How did staff and other children generally treat you? Were there rules, punishments, isolation or unsafe arrangements?	No place for a child to be. Should have had better staff for all the children. I can still remember the smell of the place. Smelled like furniture polish. All wooden furniture. Bleachy smell. Didnt smell like a home. Smell youll never forget.
Did anything happen there that you now consider abuse, neglect or harmful? [y] Sexual [y] Physical [y] Emotional [] Neglect y[] Other	Sexual abuse- When in the bathroom or in your bedroom in your pajamas when it gets darker. Staff would come into the room and tell you to do things to them. Pull penises, mess with your head. Forceful on you. Hurt you. They promised you things so you didn't talk about it. They put their arm around you and squeezed your backside. Physical abuse- Dragged into your bedroom, thrown on your bed. Forcefully take you into a rec room and regimental. Steer the living shit out of you. Hit, slap to the back of the head. Belt on the hand. The staff had a hard day. They would take it out on us. Pull your fingers back "its yes not effin aye". Manhandled me, very rough. Kicked aand slapped. Emotional abuse-

Question / prompt	Response / notes
	Telling me how bad my family was. If it wasn't for people like me their job would be so easy. Belittling. It made me feel very powerful death threats, humiliation, blame, name-calling, isolation, different treatment, denial of family contact, being made to feel powerless or unwanted, or being forced to witness the abuse or humiliation of others. "Effing kill you if you do that again" Neglect- Forced to eat stuff you didn't like. Siltan blue cheese, staff told me to eat my own vomit. They grabbed you and forced you to lick it.
Who was involved or responsible? Include names, roles, descriptions, staff or other children where remembered.	Aunt Sally - knew and did nothing Female kitchen staff couldnt do anything about it but she gave us biscuits and jam when she could. Male and female A big woman
Give one clear example of what happened. Where and when did it occur, and what happened before, during and afterwards?	In the toilet, male staff touched me my genitals. Told me its nothing wrong. I touched him he forced me, he told me to go hard. I didnt want to. I wanted it to be over, he told me its nice isnt it. Ill never forget that. He was very nice to me after. It wouldve been my word against his
How often did this happen, over what period, and did it change or become worse?	All the time. I wanted to get away. Same thing didnt spiral
What immediate effects did you experience: pain/injury, fear, shame, sleep problems, bedwetting, running away, behaviour or school changes?	Butterflies, nerves Scared Any bruises you had they would say you fell. You couldn't say anything because if you did you'd get punished. Frightened at wash time and bedtime. Bed wetting - id get my face rubbed into the wet patch itchy blanket on the bed. Treated like a fucking dog a male. He smelled and had long fingernails. The female manager turned a blind eye.
Did anyone witness it, know about it, or experience something similar?	Everyone knew what was going on but they told you to try not to let it get to you.
Did you tell anyone or try to get help? What response did you receive? If not, why not?	Staff would say i was making up stories Any bruises you had they would say you fell. You ouldnt say anything because if you did youd get punished. Brushed of or told it didnt happen "You probably fucking deserved it"
What was different at this placement compared with the others?	Scary, regimental. Not knowing what each day is going to bring.

5. Conditional harm prompt bank - use only when relevant

Trauma-informed use: These are prompts, not a script. Ask the category heading first. Use examples only if the client needs help understanding the question. Do not ask for graphic detail that is unnecessary to explain what occurred.

Category	Use only where the client identifies this type of harm
Sexual abuse	Unwanted sexual touching or exposure; sexual comments/images; being made to watch; pressure or force to take part; attempted or actual penetration/oral activity/masturbation; photography or filming; grooming, gifts, threats or secrecy; number of people involved and approximate frequency/duration.
Physical abuse	Hitting, slapping, punching, kicking, shaking, throwing, restraint, locking in, exposure to cold or water, denial of food or toilet access, or use of an object. Record injuries/pain and whether treatment was provided, needed, hidden or ignored.
Emotional abuse	Threats, humiliation, blame, name-calling, isolation, different treatment, denial of family contact, being made to feel powerless or unwanted, or being forced to witness the abuse or humiliation of others.
Neglect	Inadequate or withheld food, clothing, warmth, hygiene, supervision, safety, medical care, education or emotional support; unsafe confinement; or failure to protect from bullying, violence, sexual harm, older children or unsafe adults.

Placement interview rule: Aim for 5-7 minutes per institution. Start with the combined harm question. Tick the relevant categories and use only the matching prompts on the next page. Obtain one clear example per relevant type, plus the most serious incident if different.

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Institution name, location, approximate dates / age and who placed you there	Mrs Geddes foster Placement
What type of setting was it, and how long were you there?	85-85 1 month
In a few sentences, what was ordinary daily life like: accommodation, routines, school/work, food, clothing, hygiene and contact with family?	Downstairs, 3 bedroom flat. Shared bedroom with another boy richard sturrich. Clean. Still attended school, got no help with homework. Food was proper homecooked meals. Different eal everyday. Id go fishing and she would cook the fish i caught. No choice just what you were given. If you didnt like it either eat or go without. Not sure if she got money for a clothing grant but when the other boy was away i would take his clothes and my school clothes. Welly boots and in the summer trousers. Just used what was in the bathroom, own toothbrush. Allowed to see my dad.
How did staff and other children generally treat you? Were there rules, punishments, isolation or unsafe arrangements?	Strict but fair. her daughter loved herself. Always under her feet. Made me do clothes modelling but i didn't want to do it for Burton Clothes because she worked there. I was embarrassed. Dirty clothes from scool you werent allowed out your bedroom Cold dinner for misbehaving or late home from school or swearing. Point finger in face and shout Say my mother didnt care and my dad was drinking and useless.
Did anything happen there that you now consider abuse, neglect or harmful? [N] Sexual [] Physical [] Emotional [] Neglect [] Other	N/A
Who was involved or responsible? Include names, roles, descriptions, staff or other children where remembered.	Christine - daughter richard
Give one clear example of what happened. Where and when did it occur, and what happened before, during and afterwards?	She went away xmas time and she made me stay with her daughter, mother came to see me to give me pencil case.
How often did this happen, over what period, and did it change or become worse?	n/a
What immediate effects did you experience: pain/injury, fear, shame, sleep problems, bedwetting, running away, behaviour or school changes?	Pooed my pants and would flush them down the toilet or try and throw them away. Times i would go to my fathers when i wasnt allowed Nightmares, trouble sleeping.
Did anyone witness it, know about it, or experience something similar?	n/a
Did you tell anyone or try to get help? What response did you receive? If not, why not?	Told my dad but that was how things were back then you didn't know
What was different at this placement compared with the others?	A very strict older woman.

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Question / prompt	Response / notes
Institution name, location, approximate dates / age and who placed you there	Dalneigh Children's Centre 1985-86
What type of setting was it, and how long were you there?	Children's home - 1 year
In a few sentences, what was ordinary daily life like: accommodation, routines, school/work, food, clothing, hygiene and contact with family?	2 floors window restrictors, metal brackets outside. Clean we had to do the cleaning. Chores rota for every child. My own bedroom, toiletries new clothes shoes trainers deodorant.. Bed, drawers, cupboard for clothes, clock radio. Shared bathrooms. I always asked to see my mum and dad. Told me he wasn't fit to come see me and they couldn't contact my mum.
How did staff and other children generally treat you? Were there rules, punishments, isolation or unsafe arrangements?	Some staff were good and would give you things. Take your jackets and shoes so you couldn't leave the building. "Wee fucking orphan boy" when parents wouldn't visit #couldn't leave the building without being escorted
Did anything happen there that you now consider abuse, neglect or harmful? ☐ Sexual ☐ Physical ☒ Emotional ☒ Neglect ☐ Other	Belittled - male member of staff Take your jackets and shoes so you couldn't leave the building. Never experienced getting hair gel, toothpaste, shoes before. Told me my attitude was always wrong Male staff treated the girls better than the boys.
Who was involved or responsible? Include names, roles, descriptions, staff or other children where remembered.	Annette the cook. She was amazing. Another woman was also really good. Dinner ladies would stand up for you and tell staff that there's no way to treat a child. Dorothy would come into my room and sit and talk to me, trying to make me feel better. He knew I had a hard life. She would take me swimming with her own daughter. Male staff got along with one, still keeping in touch with his daughters. Would take me to his home and make me feel like family. Where theres a nice guy theres always a not nice guy
Give one clear example of what happened. Where and when did it occur, and what happened before, during and afterwards?	If you were told to do something or did something wrong they would come down on you.
How often did this happen, over what period, and did it change or become worse?	Now and then
What immediate effects did you experience: pain/injury, fear, shame, sleep problems, bedwetting, running away, behaviour or school changes?	Bed wetting - tried to pretend it was water. I was given clean sheets but I put newspaper to soak my mattress and flipped around. Pooed myself - still hid them 1 staff was saying "i cant believe a child your age is doing this" When someone touches you you pull back and tense up
Did anyone witness it, know about it, or experience something similar?	n/a
Did you tell anyone or try to get help? What response did you receive? If not, why not?	You were slandered in front of every child.
What was different at this placement compared with the others?	An easier place to be but it wasn't home. Some staff tried to make it home.

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Question / prompt	Response / notes
Institution name, location, approximate dates / age and who placed you there	Short-term foster home / Mrs Park, Dunvegan, Skye 1986-87
What type of setting was it, and how long were you there?	1 year 2 months - semi-detatched cottage, 2 floors.
In a few sentences, what was ordinary daily life like: accommodation, routines, school/work, food, clothing, hygiene and contact with family?	Own bedroom. Clean cottage, cluttered ut clean. Nice environment. they d ask me what id like for dinner, she allowed me to mak scones etc. my bedroom looked over dalvegan pier. New clothing given to me from my grant. Didn like the clothing i was given. Life on the island was different to mainland. Toiletries were provided. Topped up if needed. Weekend visits with my mum but sneaked to see my dad.
How did staff and other children generally treat you? Were there rules, punishments, isolation or unsafe arrangements?	Treated me very nice. She was very nice to me. No punishments just a telling off but within her rights. I cant say i was ever scared. Her husband roland and a daughter called christina.
Did anything happen there that you now consider abuse, neglect or harmful? ☐ Sexual ☐ Physical ☐ Emotional ☐ Neglect ☐ Other	Roland her husband. There was a broken down shed. Gave me wood hammers and saw told me to make my own den. Xmas time religious family. Had to go to church and prayers. I didnt believe in any of this stuff. I rebelled because i couldnt speak gaelic. Protestant - they were a very religious family Sunday was day of rest - no electricity, no cooking, no tv. I didnt understand how i was in the wrong for not knowing how to pray.
Who was involved or responsible? Include names, roles, descriptions, staff or other children where remembered.	Rowland Christina Mrs park
Give one clear example of what happened. Where and when did it occur, and what happened before, during and afterwards?	Sit down to sing hymns. I went to stand up and got ridiculed.
How often did this happen, over what period, and did it change or become worse?	n/a
What immediate effects did you experience: pain/injury, fear, shame, sleep problems, bedwetting, running away, behaviour or school changes?	Marked my pants Wet the bed - put washing in the wash basket. She asked if i had a accident i tried to make excuses She would make my bed for me change my sheets Rubber sheet on the bed incase of an accident Sleeping problems - nightmares, scared of the dark. Creaky floorboards Frightened at night i thought i was back somewhere else Always wary
Did anyone witness it, know about it, or experience something similar?	n/a
Did you tell anyone or try to get help? What response did you receive? If not, why not?	Told my mum about the church thing. I think my mum just didn't want me. She said be thankful these people want to look after you. My dad was unhappy about religion being forced upon me. He always had my best interest besides june mcnally.
What was different at this placement compared with the others?	They tried to help me but also wanted me to believe in their beliefs. Other than that they were nice people.

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Question / prompt	Response / notes
Institution name, location, approximate dates / age and who placed you there	Ferintosh House 87-88
What type of setting was it, and how long were you there?	Secure unit. 2 years
In a few sentences, what was ordinary daily life like: accommodation, routines, school/work, food, clothing, hygiene and contact with family?	2 floors, walk in theres stairs up to a reception. Locked doors staff have access. To the right is a rec room with a pool table. a n open kitchen. Bedrooms upstairs boys 1st landing girls through the fire door right hand side. Same floor but you couldn't get through to each other's rooms at night. Own bedroom, bed, wardrobe. Shared bathrooms have their own toilet. Open showers. School was part of the home. 3 meals, whatever you wanted. Ate together in the kitchen/dining hall area at lunchtime. Toiletries provided. Clothing was a grant, they took us shopping for clothes we wanted. Sometimes told that's what you're getting. Couldn't see my dad
How did staff and other children generally treat you? Were there rules, punishments, isolation or unsafe arrangements?	2 parts to ferintosh. The lodge was more freedom, cook your own food. Secure unit, couldn't open or break the window, school every morning. Buses would drop school kids off.
Did anything happen there that you now consider abuse, neglect or harmful? ☐ Sexual ☐ Physical ☐ Emotional ☐ Neglect ☐ Other	Sexual abuse- Having to masturbate a married man he had children of his own. Called Duncan. Pushed me onto the bed and got on top of me. No penetration but put his penis between my bum cheeks. All the time. It happened in the bedroom, shower, and toilet. Anywhere I'd be alone with him. Tried to get me to give him a blow job and then would tell me I was in the wrong. Duncan soliway would come into my room. He gave me a pornographic magazine and told me to relive myself to the stuff and told me to ejaculate on top of the magazine so I know you're a man. He'd do that then ask to see the magazine and he's already rolled up in his sleeve pictures of young children, babies etc. told me to do the same. Said if I told anyone I'd be done for it. I didn't do it. He told me and some other boys to go find the sexiest knickers we could find. Physical abuse - Thrown, kicked, punched to the highest level from Duncan. The first time i went to ferintosh and met him he took a pencil and stabbed it into his hand cut himself and threw the pencil at me shouting "youve fucking done that" then he started kicking me. Abusive person. Tried to make himself look better in front of other staff members. Punched in the back oh head, stomach. Restrained, dragged. Grabbed around the throat, couldn't breath. Emotional abuse- Tell me I was worthless, mum didn't care because I was bad. My dad was a waste of space. Made me feel bad at xmas and bday times. I couldn't go home. He made me feel scared because hes spit in your face and aggressively say "i have to miss my holiday because your fucking useless". Threatened with the police for telling us to do something. Neglect- Horrible place to be. Jack goodfella managed to get me to go to a sailing boat around from st auburn. Try to put me on different things. I wanted to work a part time job.

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Who was involved or responsible? Include names, roles, descriptions, staff or other children where remembered.	Duncan - ex army he was my key worker Chris - big woman Jack goodfella
Give one clear example of what happened. Where and when did it occur, and what happened before, during and afterwards?	Duncan sexually assaulted me. Penetrated me. Wasn't allowed to look at him. In my bedroom, in the shower room and the mini bus. handjob , made me out to be a sick man because he was married and had children. I wanted to kill him. I never did anything.
How often did this happen, over what period, and did it change or become worse?	The whole time i was there A cook took me out for the day, took me to the pictures, made me tea and said she knew what was happening. Duncan put a stop to me going out with other members of staff.
What immediate effects did you experience: pain/injury, fear, shame, sleep problems, bedwetting, running away, behaviour or school changes?	I'd run away to see my dad The first time I ran away because the other kids were calling me a chicken. One staff said "youll be fucked up when you come back in tomorrow colin" ump into the river, swim across. Walk through fields At night we got food out of the baker's bins. Scared Petrified of Duncan Wet the bed and poeed myself Blood in my bum Sleep problems
Did anyone witness it, know about it, or experience something similar?	Lots of other children got the same treatment You don't see what happens, you just look and put your head down and the other kids know.
Did you tell anyone or try to get help? What response did you receive? If not, why not?	Staff knew and nothing they could do. Saw one a few years ago she apologised to me and said nothing she could do. I tried to tell my mum but she brushed it off. Begged her to believe me but she didn't. If i did somethin wrong shed tell duncan and say "you fucking deserve it" Chris wasn't interested. She got more pleasure from me doing things to him than him to me. The power was in his hands.
What was different at this placement compared with the others?	It is the scariest environment I've ever been in in my life.

6. People involved, reporting and institutional knowledge - ask once after all placements

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Across all placements, who were the main people responsible? Record names, nicknames, roles, descriptions or identifying details.	Duncan, Rosedene.
Were other children affected, and did you witness abuse or harm to anyone else?	Yes
Why do you believe staff or the institution knew, or should have known, what was happening?	Because it was normal in the 70's and 80's. The system is fucked
Were complaints discouraged, ignored or punished? Were you moved, threatened or disbelieved?	You couldn't complain. You'd be punished by your key worker Live with it
Have you ever reported the abuse to police, an inquiry, a professional or any authority? What happened?	Tried to, blamed abuse on someone else who had nothing to do with it. Scared because of my family it was my uncle but the truth wasn't believed there was no proof.

7. Movement between placements and leaving care

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Why did you move between placements, and were the reasons explained?	My mum said it's because I was a bad kid. My behaviour
Did you run away, refuse to return or ask to be moved? What happened?	Yes- returned and punished
When and at what age did you leave care, and what were your circumstances afterwards?	17 - put to connor street to kay and james wallace. Classed as community carers. I had my own bedroom and kitchen. Left to own devices.

8. Impact - ask once for the whole experience

Efficiency rule: Avoid repeating separate impact questions for each institution. Ask how the combined experience affected the client, then identify any placement or incident that had a particular effect.

Question / prompt	Response / notes
How did the experience affect you at the time: safety, trust, confidence, sleep, behaviour, education, relationships or ability to speak up?	Safety - petrified going to be everynight Trust- didnt trust anyone still dont Confidence - shattered until i started asking for jobs Sleep - night terrors Education - very poor. Learnt law met wife 1997 married 2004 together ever since with 4 children, 3 grandchildren.
How has it affected your mental health, including anxiety, depression, trauma symptoms, panic, flashbacks, nightmares, self-harm or suicidal thoughts?	PTSD Nightmares Flashbacks Panic Thought about suicide
How has it affected physical health, sleep, pain, alcohol or substance use?	Can't sleep at night even with tablets. I am on edge every single night because of what I went through. I suffer from it night after night. I turned to alcohol to sleep but the drink robbed me of the next day. I dont drink or smoke. No drugs. I get piles a lot and pain in my bottom. I can't go near my own bum.
How has it affected relationships, parenting, friendships, intimacy, trust or isolation?	I've shouted at my wife and children Intimacy - beginning i had more confidence when i met her. We'd have sex stuff like that. Id go quiet afterwards she didnt get why took me a while to explain. Positive parenting - I would never put my children through what I went through.

Question / prompt	Response / notes
How has it affected education, work, confidence, opportunities, finances, housing or day-to-day stability?	Poor education, low confidence, house with wife and children Worked all my life - building sites, roofs, british gas Serious accident around 2006 so can't work
Are there triggers, places, smells, authority figures, institutions or situations you avoid?	Avoid being alone. Smells - furniture polish, chlorine, brute aftershave. Even adverts for sexual assault. I walk out the room and isolate myself. Certain cars, programmes (neighbours) it was on all the time. My son colin Jr a man, grabbed him when he was 7 and tried to assault me. I tried to get to the house when I heard. Shouting in general
What impact has this had on your life overall, and what do you think may have been different if it had not happened?	Huge impact. Serious impact. I would have had a better life. Trust people a bit more

9. Support and treatment

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Have you received counselling, therapy, mental health, addiction, GP, hospital or other professional support?	Therapy, counselling. They can't cope with it too much. One lady started crying and said its too much for her to help me.
Have you been diagnosed with any relevant condition, and have you taken any related medication?	PTSD Diazepam, sleeping tablets, catiapipe
Are you receiving support now? If you delayed seeking help, what made it difficult?	yes

10. Evidence and supporting information

Question / prompt	Response / notes
What records may support the statement: care, social work, school, medical, police, counselling, prison/probation, benefits or other records?	n/a
Are there records of injuries, running away, behaviour or school changes, self-harm, substance use, complaints, moves or family contact issues?	n/a
Are there letters, photographs, reports, inquiry evidence, apologies, decisions or previous correspondence?	n/a
Could any sibling, former resident, relative, friend, partner or professional provide a supporting statement?	Y - Wife michelle sanders 07796964769 01463861384
Are records missing or incomplete, and has an evidence bundle already been obtained?	n/a

11. Previous claims, applications or payments

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Have you previously made any civil claim, criminal injuries claim, Redress application, complaint, police report, inquiry statement or claim to another scheme about this abuse?	N
Did you receive any payment, apology, settlement or decision, or sign any waiver/discharge? Do you have copies?	N

12. Reason for applying

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Why are you applying to the Scottish Redress Scheme, and what would you like to come from telling your story?	My wife found it. She thought i could take closure from it. I want peace, im 54 years old, ive spoke to other survivors who seem to get on better. I want closure from this. Everyone is different. Everything that happened to me could have been avoided. I didnt ask for any of this. I dont want to be an old man sitting and crying. I want to be able to understand why my parents didnt want me.
What would acknowledgement mean to you?	An apology of some kind would help me. I don't know until something happens. I would like closure, I wish I could have an apology.
Is there anything else you want Redress Scotland to understand about what happened or the harm you have lived with?	Just the stuff i saw with my mum, dad thor girlfriends, kids. I got help but not the help i wanted Steven and Billy McNally. Jailed for sexually assaulting their own children. McNally or mcdonald

13. Closing and welfare check

Question / prompt	Response / notes
Is there anything important we have not covered, or wording you want handled carefully?	I'm numb, my head is in overdrive.
How are you feeling after discussing this, and do you feel safe to end the call?	Y i will cry
Is there someone you can contact for support, or would you like support service details?	Y
Have the next steps been explained?	Y

Back-office drafting checklist - not asked aloud

Check	Completed
Statement is in the client's own words where possible.	☐
Chronology and each relevant institution are clear.	☐
Relevant abuse/neglect types are identified without unnecessary repetition .	☐
At least one clear example and the most serious incident are recorded.	☐
Frequency, duration, people involved, witnesses and reporting are addressed.	☐
Immediate and long-term impact are addressed once across the whole statement.	☐
Evidence, previous claims/payments and memory gaps are recorded.	☐
Client has reviewed amendments and signed the statement of truth.	☐

Statement of truth / declaration

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Signed	Name	Date