

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Date 01/06/2026

Po Box 24202
Edinburgh
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Ref: 100117

Subject: Data Subject Access Request under Article 15 UK GDPR and Section 45 DPA 2018

Client Name: Mr Thomas Edgar Birch
Client Address: 98 Dallas Drive, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6NG
Client Reference: 100117
Date of Birth: 25/07/1986
Also Known As: Thomas David Edgar
Name in Care: Thomas David Edgar

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of the above-named client, who was placed in residential care at the institution(s) referenced below during the approximate period stated.

Approximate Dates of Placement:

Kerelaw Residential School in Ayrshire : 1998-2001
Rimbleton Children's Home: 1996-1997
Oak Bank School : 1998-1998

This request is made under Article 15 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation and Section 45 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Scope of Request

We request disclosure of all personal data held in relation to our client, across all systems and formats, including but not limited to:

Admission and discharge records
Full placement history, including transfers between care settings
Social work records, case files, and assessments
Daily logs, key worker notes, and case notes

Incident reports, safeguarding records, and protection referrals
Case conference notes, reviews, and internal assessments
Complaints, investigations, and outcomes
Correspondence between staff, local authorities, and external agencies
Records shared with or held by third-party care providers acting on your behalf
Medical, psychological, or educational records held within the care file
Photographs or other documentation relating to our client's time in care
Records identifying staff members and roles involved in their care

Historical and Archived Records

Given the historical nature of this request, we require that all reasonable and proportionate searches are undertaken, including:

Archived and off-site storage
Legacy systems, including paper, microfiche, and scanned records
Records held under previous authority names, reorganisations, or successor bodies
Records held by contracted, private, or voluntary sector care providers commissioned by your authority

Placement and Authority Clarification

Where records indicate placement in additional care settings, we request:

Details of those institutions
Dates of placement
The commissioning or responsible authority

This information is required to ensure a complete and accurate record of our client's time in care.

Format of Disclosure

Please provide the information in electronic format where possible. Where records exist only in non-digital formats, scanned copies will be acceptable.

Enclosures

We enclose:
Signed authority from our client
Proof of identity

Should you require any further information to process this request, please advise promptly.

Statutory Timeframe

We expect a response within the statutory one calendar month period. If you require an extension, please confirm this in writing with full justification.

Non-Holding of Data

If your organisation does not hold the requested data, we require:

Formal written confirmation of this position

Details of any organisation believed to hold the data, including successor or archive bodies where applicable

Service of Documents

We only accept service of documents via email at evidence@mmalegal.co.uk. Should you for any reason be unable to send documents to the above email, please notify us via the same email imminently.

Yours faithfully,

Investigations Team

MMA Legal

E: evidence@mmalegal.co.uk

T: 0161 563 0816

DEED OF AUTHORITY & CONSENT

THIS DEED is made on the date of signature below by (the “Client”)	
Full Name:	Thomas Edgar Birch
Date of Birth:	25/7/1986
Previous Names (if any):	
Current Address:	98 Dallas Drive Kirkcaldy KY2 6NG

Previous Addresses (relevant to care placements):	
CHI / NHS Number (if known):	

IN FAVOUR OF (the “Representative”)	
Firm Name:	MMA Legal
Address	43-59 Princes Street, Stockport
Postcode	SK1 1RY
Email	admin@mmalegalsolicitors.co.uk
Telephone Number	0330 341 3679
CHI / NHS Number (if known):	

1. STATUS AND CONSTRUCTION

- 1.1. This Deed is executed as a deed and constitutes valid written authority for the purposes of:
 - 1.1.1. UK GDPR
 - 1.1.2. Data Protection Act 2018
 - 1.1.3. Common law confidentiality
 - 1.1.4. Any related statutory, regulatory or supervisory framework
- 1.2. This Deed shall be interpreted purposively and broadly to give full effect to the Client’s intention that all personal data and Records relating to them be disclosed to the Representative, subject only to lawful statutory restriction.
- 1.3. This Deed is intended to provide clear and comprehensive authority for disclosure of the Client’s personal data.

2. APPOINTMENT

- 2.1. The Client appoints the Representative to act fully on their behalf in connection with:
 - 2.1.1. An application to Redress Scotland;
 - 2.1.2. Any review, reconsideration or appeal;
 - 2.1.3. Evidence gathering and submission;

2.1.4. Any associated advisory, compensatory or restorative process.

2.2. Requests made by the Representative shall be treated as made personally by the Client.

3. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

3.1. This Authority applies to all public and private bodies including (without limitation):

3.1.1. Local Authorities and Councils

3.1.2. NHS Boards and GP Practices

3.1.3. Health & Social Care Partnerships

3.1.4. Integration Joint Boards

3.1.5. Religious bodies and orders

3.1.6. Residential and foster care providers

3.1.7. Education authorities and schools

3.1.8. Government departments

3.1.9. Archive services

3.1.10. Insurers holding historical liability files

3.1.11. Successor, merged or restructured public bodies

3.2. The Authority applies whether Records are:

3.2.1. Archived, microfiche, digitised or handwritten;

3.2.2. Stored off-site by contractors;

3.2.3. Held by dissolved or reconstituted institutions;

3.2.4. Transferred following statutory reorganisation.

3.3. The Client requests that records not be withheld solely on administrative grounds such as archival storage or institutional restructuring including, for example:

3.3.1. The institution has closed or restructured;

3.3.2. Records are archived or require manual retrieval;

3.3.3. Records are held by insurers or successor bodies;

3.3.4. Retrieval involves time or administrative burden.

4. SPECIAL CATEGORY DATA – EXPLICIT CONSENT

4.1. For the purposes of Article 9 UK GDPR and Schedule 1 Data Protection Act 2018, the Client gives explicit consent to disclosure of all special category data including:

- 4.1.1. Physical and mental health records
- 4.1.2. Psychiatric and psychological reports
- 4.1.3. Therapy and counselling notes
- 4.1.4. CAMHS records
- 4.1.5. Social work and safeguarding files
- 4.1.6. Ethnicity or religious data where recorded

This includes all NHS and private medical providers.
This explicit consent may be withdrawn at any time by written notice.

5. **CRIMINAL OFFENCE DATA – EXPLICIT CONSENT**

5.1. For the purposes of Article 10 UK GDPR and Schedule 1 Data Protection Act 2018, the Client gives explicit consent to disclosure of:

- 5.1.1. Criminal offence data
- 5.1.2. Police investigation material
- 5.1.3. Child protection investigations
- 5.1.4. Statements and intelligence logs
- 5.1.5. Outcome decisions

including records held by:

- 5.1.6. Police Scotland
- 5.1.7. Any predecessor Scottish police force
- 5.1.8. Prosecuting authorities.

6. **THIRD-PARTY DATA AND REDACTION**

- 6.1. The existence of third-party data shall not justify refusal to disclose the Client's personal data.
- 6.2. Where necessary, redaction shall be limited strictly to third-party information.
- 6.3. Mixed data shall be disclosed in redacted form rather than withheld in entirety.

7. **PROPORTIONALITY AND REASONED DECISION-MAKING**

- 7.1. Any refusal, limitation or redaction must:
 - 7.1.1. Identify the specific statutory exemption relied upon;

- 7.1.2. Explain how that exemption applies to the particular Record;
 - 7.1.3. Confirm why partial disclosure is not possible;
 - 7.1.4. Be communicated in writing.
- 7.2. Blanket refusal without statutory justification may not satisfy statutory obligations under applicable data protection legislation.
- 7.3. Any reliance upon “disproportionate effort” must provide written reasoning demonstrating why staged disclosure or redaction is not feasible.

8. VALIDITY AND FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1. This Deed remains valid for 24 months from execution unless withdrawn in writing.
- 8.2. Disclosure shall not be refused because:
- 8.2.1. An internal template form has not been used;
 - 8.2.2. The Authority is considered “out of date” within internal policy;
 - 8.2.3. Additional consent is sought beyond reasonable identity verification.
- 8.3. Any organisation acting in good faith reliance upon this Deed shall be fully discharged in making disclosure.

9. REGULATORY AND STATUTORY RIGHTS

In the event of non-compliance, refusal, or unreasonable delay in responding to a lawful request made under this Deed, the Client and/or the Representative reserve the right to pursue any statutory or regulatory remedies available under applicable law.

This may include raising concerns with the relevant supervisory authority or regulator where appropriate.

Nothing in this Deed limits the Client’s rights under the UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018, or any other applicable statutory framework.

Withdrawal shall not invalidate disclosures already made in reliance upon this Deed.

EXECUTION AS A DEED

Signed and delivered as a Deed by the Client:

Signature	<i>Thomas Edgar Birch</i>
Print Name	Thomas Edgar Birch
Date	Feb 17 2026 10:46 GMT

Witness	
Name	James Thompson
Address	MMA Legal Stok SK1 1RY
Occupation	File Handler
Signature	<i>James Thompson</i>
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Legal Disclosure

ELECTRONIC RECORD AND SIGNATURE DISCLOSURE

Please read the following information carefully. By clicking the 'I agree' button, you agree that you have reviewed the following terms and conditions and consent to transact business electronically using Zoho Sign electronic signature system. If you do not agree to these terms, do not click the 'I agree' button.

Electronic documents

Please note that MMA Legal Limited ("we", "us" or "Company") will send all documents electronically to you to the email address that you have given us during the course of the business relationship unless you tell us otherwise in accordance with the procedure explained herein. Once you sign a document electronically, we will send a PDF version of the document to you.

Request for paper copies

You have the right to request paper copies of these documents sent to you electronically from admin@mmalegalsolicitors.co.uk. Alternatively, you also have the ability to download and print these documents sent to you electronically, and re-upload a scanned copy of the printed and physically signed documents. If you, however, wish to request paper copies of these documents sent to you electronically, you can write back to the sender.

Withdrawing your consent

At any point in time during the course of our business relationship, you have the right to withdraw your consent to receive documents in electronic format. If you wish to withdraw your consent, you can decline to sign a document that we have sent to you and send an email to admin@mmalegalsolicitors.co.uk informing us that you wish to receive documents only in paper format. Upon request from you, we will stop sending documents using Zoho Sign electronic signature system.

To advise MMA Legal Limited of your new email address

If you need to change the email address that you use to receive notices and disclosures from us, write to us at admin@mmalegalsolicitors.co.uk

System requirements

Compatible with recent versions of popular browsers such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge. Zoho Sign is also available on iOS and Android devices.

Thomas Birch
98 Dallas Drive
Kirkcaldy
Fife
KY2 6NG

16th February 2026

Dear Thomas,

I am writing to provide an update in respect of your application to Scotland's Redress Scheme. We can confirm we received your application on 3rd February 2026. Your application reference number is: APP069581.

Your application will be assigned to a designated case worker who will be responsible for working on your application and will be a point of contact throughout the process.

Please note that due to the high volumes of redress applications received, the time taken to have applications assigned to a case worker is taking longer than we would like. Whilst we cannot provide a timescale for how long it may take to have your application assigned to a case worker, it may be helpful to be aware that we are currently assigning applications that were received in February 2025.

We would like to reassure you that we are working hard to ensure your application will be assigned at the earliest opportunity. You can contact the team in the meantime if you wish to discuss your application. They are here to help and answer any questions you may have.

We have reviewed the documents provided to date and provide a summary of the further information required below.

In summary:

- Certified ID – information sheet included
- Care records – information sheet included
- Supporting documentation
- Bank statement

Support service

We have a support service who can provide practical support with the application, emotional support through the process and support to access records. If you would



like to access support from our support service, please contact us on the details below.

Further Information

We are enclosing a copy of a flow chart providing information about the application process.

We provide some further information about the documentation required to progress your application below:

Bank Statement

In order to ensure any payment is only received by applicants we will require a bank statement to confirm your account. We do not need to see any transactions, simply your name, address, sort code and account number. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Certified ID

This information is needed to confirm who you are.
You must do this by providing a certified copy of your identification documents.

I have enclosed/attached an information sheet regarding the types of identification required by the scheme and how to get them certified.

Care Records

For individually assessed payment applications, you need to provide one document to show you were in the care of each relevant care setting you mention in your application.

Please see page 22 of the "Help to Apply" guidance.

I enclose information sheet regarding the different ways to access care records.

Supporting Documents

For individually assessed payment applications, you need to provide at least one document that supports your statement of abuse.

You can read more about documents you can use on page 33 of the "Help to Apply" guidance.

Further help and support

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, require additional copies of application forms, or require any further support concerning your application, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

Solicitor's fees

You can choose to involve a solicitor to support you with your application to Scotland's Redress Scheme. You do not need to involve a solicitor to make an application. You can contact us directly using the details below.

Scotland's Redress Scheme can pay fixed fees directly to your solicitor. This is available to all applicants and is not means tested. You should check that your solicitor will work for the fees available. They should request payment directly from Scotland's Redress Scheme.

You or your solicitor can find out more information on available fees by contacting us using the details below, or by reading the statutory guidance on gov.scot/redress.

Even though the fees are paid by Scotland's Redress Scheme, your solicitor is independent. They will work for you and not for Scotland's Redress Scheme.

Telephone

0808 175 0808 (freephone)

Lines are open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 4pm, excluding Scottish public holidays. There is an answering machine at other times, and if you leave a message we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Email : apply@redress-scheme.scot

Post : Redress, PO Box 24209, EDINBURGH, EH7 9GT

You can also contact the **Redress Emotional Support Helpline** directly on 0800 211 8403 where you can leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Scotland's Redress Scheme

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