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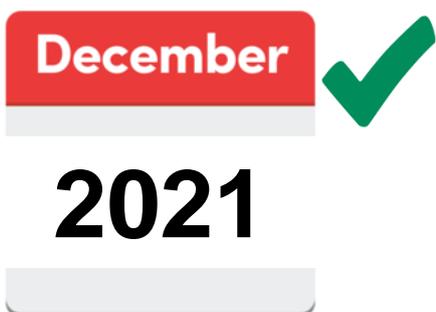
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The Scottish Government is opening a scheme for people who were abused when they were children. It will be known as the Redress Scheme.

A scheme is a plan of action.



The Redress Scheme will open by the end of the year.



The Redress Scheme is for people who were abused as children before 1 December 2004 **only** if they lived in some care settings in Scotland.



Those care settings include children's homes, some residential schools, foster care and, in some cases, long-stay hospitals.



The scheme is to show that abuse was wrong and it hurt people. People who have been abused are called “survivors” by the scheme. The scheme will offer survivors support and financial payment.

Abuse includes sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, or neglect.



- Sexual abuse is any sexual contact between a child and another person.
- Physical abuse is being hurt or injured through physical contact.
- Emotional abuse is about how others make you feel. It can include being made to feel scared or guilty for another person’s actions.
- Neglect is a child being harmed because their basic needs are not being met.



Survivors can apply for a redress payment. Payments are between ten thousand pounds and one hundred thousand pounds (£10,000 to £100,000).



Survivors can receive an apology from Scottish Government and counselling.



There will be support to apply to the Redress Scheme.

This could be emotional support, help to find information and money for legal advice.



If the survivor died on or after 1 December 2004, the person's next of kin, may be able to apply for a payment.

Next of kin can be a spouse, partner or child of a survivor.



Next of kin will be paid up to £10,000.

Information about the Advance Payment Scheme



The Advance Payment Scheme is for survivors who are at least 68 years old or who are terminally ill.



This is like the Redress Scheme but people can apply to the Advance Payment Scheme now.



The Advance Payment Scheme is also for people who experienced abuse as children in some care settings before 1 December 2004.



The Advance Payment is £10,000.

For more information



You can phone 0808 169 9740 about both schemes.



You can email redress@gov.scot about the Redress Scheme.

You can email AdvancePaymentTeam@gov.scot about the Advance Payment Scheme.



FUTURE PATHWAYS

For support you can phone Future Pathways on 0808 164 2005 or email registration@future-pathways.co.uk



If you are upset you can contact Breathing Space free of charge on 0800 83 85 87 or the Samaritans free of charge on 116 123.



We will listen and help with care and kindness.



Members of People First (Scotland) are encouraged to discuss the Redress Scheme with Development Workers for support.

- Telephone: 0131 478 7707
- Email: admin@peoplefirstscotland.org
- Search 'People First Scotland' on [Facebook](#)



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