

Annex A

From: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]

Sent: 21 March 2024 12:49

To: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@modschoools.org; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@Modschools.org

Cc: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ; Redress and Relations

Subject: Scotland's Redress Scheme

Good afternoon [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)],

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us last week, it was lovely to meet you both.

The meeting was very helpful in informing our understanding of how Queen Victoria School operates and is funded, and on the basis by which children came to be resident there.

We wanted to confirm our understanding from the meeting, and would be grateful if you could confirm the following by reply and provide the information/contacts discussed:

- Queen Victoria School is not an independent school but is in fact a boarding school for children of service personnel, operated by the Ministry of Defence. For our purposes, the Ministry of Defence are the operators and you will share an appropriate contact for them to discuss Queen Victoria School, and potentially other settings operated pre-2004 which may fall within the parameters of the Scheme.
- You confirmed the operating period as 1908 until present, and during this period, it was always under the operation of the Ministry of Defence.
- We discussed 'previous relevant payments' (PRP) and to your knowledge, the Ministry of Defence has received and likely paid a number of these, however, many may relate to admissions post-2004. You agreed to confirm who our contact should be to undertake PRP verifications for applicants to the Scheme.

- To your knowledge, children placed at the school are, and always were, placed by parental arrangement and by application. Each child had to meet eligibility criteria, which essentially was either of their parents was or had served in the Armed Forces. You have admission applications which demonstrates this going back to either the 50s or 60s.
- Can you confirm if it is your understanding that any fees were always paid for by the parents, might there be an occasion whereby the local authority, or another similar body, paid the boarding costs for a child?
- As above, to the best of your knowledge, the school has never provided residential placements for 'children in care', i.e., they were not placed their by the local authority or another similar body.
- You felt the Ministry of Defence would be willing to discuss the possibility of participating in the Scheme, but there are reservations on whether the setting and placements would ever fall under the parameters of the scheme. One thing we should have discussed more, is that decisions on eligibility are ultimately the role of Redress Scotland. It may be that upon review of an application, with all supporting evidence and information, they do find it to be eligible. We do not know this at present, as the application is not at this stage of the process.

As discussed in the meeting, we would be grateful if you could provide a contact for verification of Previous Relevant Payments to former pupils, and to allow us to continue these conversations with the operator of the school.

Kind regards

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]



[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] | Redress Contributions and Providers Policy Manager

Redress, Relations and Response Division | Directorate for Children and Families |
Scottish Government

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Annex B

**Scotland's Redress Scheme
Meeting with Queen Victoria School, 14 March 2024**

Attendees

Queen Victoria School (QVS)

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]), [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)])

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[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]), [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)])

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Queen Victoria School's potential involvement in Scotland's Redress Scheme, establish previous iterations of org and care settings they were responsible for.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] made introductions, gave overview and ethos of the scheme and stressed that participation is purely voluntary, with no compulsion to join. Explained benefits of waiver, explained payments defined/determined approaches, what that would mean for QVS, and how Fair and meaningful calculated. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] explained that the payments determined approach is uncapped and may involve an increased contribution depending on the number of applications received. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] also explained that under payments defined approach the contribution would be capped at the max agreed contribution, with a lower agreed figure paid in annual instalments, contributions can be increased to the max or decreased as appropriate, and any unused funds refunded. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] clarified that SG meet full cost of FRP applications, £10k or 3rd of any IAP applications (whichever is higher) and any allocation for non-contributors.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] confirmed the following:

- *QVS is GASS boarding school operated by the MoD, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] stated that he is unsure what the mechanism would be for joining the scheme. May need to take advice on this from colleagues within MoD.*
- *[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] would likely pay compensation for any cases of abuse. Civil cases received in the past have been passed on to the legal/claims team, although outcome has never been fed back.*
- *QVS is a boarding school for children of serving military personal. Children are placed by parental application on a fee paying basis from opening in 1909 till present. Records contain signed applications from parents of all children placed from 50s/60s till present.*
- *QVS has never received children taken into care/subject to a welfare order.*

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] agreed to draft email encapsulating the above so QVS could provide written confirmation.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] asked if they would be notified each time they are named should they become a scheme contributor, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] advised that we would only notify them the first time they are named, but we are looking at the information we can share with contributors in the future.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] asked if it would be possible to implement a joined-up response, with survivors applying to the scheme directed to QVS also. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] advised that we cannot refer or advise survivors regarding further action or claims, it would be up to QVS if they wished to direct survivors to the scheme. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] reiterated that the scheme offers an alternative for survivors who may not wish to approach the named setting/organisation or pursue civil claim.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] requested they share an appropriate contact for the [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] to discuss participation and requirements of the scheme, as it was agreed [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]/[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] were not the right contacts. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]/[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] agreed and will come back once they have discussed internally who is the right contact.

Meeting with Ministry of Defence regarding Queen Victoria School, 13 August 2024

Attendees

MoD

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]), [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b))]

Scottish Government

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]), [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b))]

The purpose of the meeting was to understand the relationship between the Ministry of Defence and Queen Victoria School (QVS), to secure contact for records verification/requests and PRP checks, and to discuss MoD potentially becoming a scheme contributor.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] explained reasons for reaching out for requested info (settings, dates of operation, owner/manager/otherwise involved), background of conversations to date with QVS and gave overview of the scheme and estimated closing date, contributions defined/determined models (confirmed that [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] pays in full should MoD decide not to join), calculation of F&M, explained benefits of waiver, verification requests from CW's, role of SG in process ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] clarified that we do not ask org's to investigate claims of abuse, this is for panel to assess on balance of probability), process for requesting apology and that it is a choice for contributors and non-contributors alike whether this is provided. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] explained that we are keen to understand relationship between MoD and QVS.

MoD confirmed the following:

- [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] confirmed that MoD currently have 3 live claims for compensation in relation to abuse. Unsure if have ever received any for QVS. Confirmed that would provide contact for records/PRP's as soon as possible.
- [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] advised that decision on scheme participation is for ministers to make, and that is being actively considered. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] also asked if MoD will receive details of survivors for PRP/records checks, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] confirmed these would be provided once named contact is provided. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] confirmed that in his opinion there is a lawful basis for providing PRP details, so this shouldn't be an issue ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] confirmed privacy notice is part of application and signed by survivor).
- [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] advised QVS is the only MoD run setting in Scotland and is treated as part of their overseas portfolio. Not aware of any looked after/care experienced children being placed in QVS ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] explained that survivor believes they meet eligibility criteria, and this was explained, i.e., involvement of a public body and fees paid). MoD pays amount for Boarding of children of service personnel, and it is possible that it

may have acted in public service by taking in orphaned children of service personnel.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] explained that admissions data would likely not be useful as this would not tell us the number of looked after children accommodated, and as such we would rely on scheme data to date. As such, we could reasonably expect to receive 2 additional APPs in the next 4 years, meaning a likely F&M figure of around £100,000 if this application is not determined before any contract exchange. Advised that waiver can only apply for current APP if MoD join the scheme before it is determined by Redress Scotland. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] advised current processing times for P3 applications is 10-12 months. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] felt they would have a decision in 3 months.

Action points:

- MoD to present participation options to Ministers.
- [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] to supply contact for PRP/verification checks.
- [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] to email over scheme information and documents (model contracts, SoP, Privacy Notice for survivors and copy of application (showing mandate) etc).

**Meeting with Scottish Government, Redress Division and
Ministry of Defence
Friday 10 October 2025**

Attendees

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], Scottish Government

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], Scottish Government

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] Scottish Government (attended at the beginning of the meeting to advise of his departure)

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], Head of Armed Forces, Safeguarding

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] – Safeguarding Policy Team

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], Assistant head of Defence Children's Services (DCS) line manages Head of Queen Victoria School

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], Chief of Staff within DCS

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], Army regional command – Finance (QVS comes under army)

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], Central Claims team – deal with all common law claims

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] thanked all for their attendance and informed [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] and others that he was leaving the team on a temporary basis from Monday 13 October and as such [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] and [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] would be the contacts going forward and would therefore take forward this meeting. ([Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] left meeting).

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] advised that the purpose of today's meeting was to provide introductions and to agree contacts within [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] for verification purposes and also to agree the dates of statements. This was also an opportunity for [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] to ask any questions they had in relation their participation in Scotland's Redress Scheme.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] introduced all [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] attendees who provided details of their roles within the [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] and as noted in "attendees" above.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] provided a summary of the process of an application to Scotland's Redress Scheme including any interactions which would involve [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], i.e. verification purposes. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] also advised of the allocation process and statements – ensuring [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] staff were aware of the restrictions on sharing any detailed information.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] clarified the [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] requirements for the scheme, i.e. Annual report and a discussion was held with [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] staff to determine who would be responsible – albeit [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] agreed it would be his responsibility to ensure it was all put together and sent to Scottish Government from him.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] asked [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] to consider contacts for verification of records, previous relevant payments and general contacts for

statements. This resulted in a discussion within [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] staff regarding who should be contacts for verification purposes. This will be clarified and provided by email to Scottish Government.

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] advised of the invoicing arrangements for contributors on payments determined contracts, noting [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] would be issued with a statement to 31 December every year with an invoice at the end of January for payment at 31 March each year. Other statements can be requested. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] agreed to discuss with finance colleagues and revert to [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] with dates for statements.

To summarise, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] will discuss further with colleagues and provide –

- (a) Contacts for Verifications purposes
- (b) Contacts for financial purposes
- (c) Statement dates

Annex C

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Thanks [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]. Yes please to [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] as the main contact, but if you could keep me copied in too that'd be great.

Many thanks

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

From: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 9:44 AM

To: Darnell, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] B2 (SPO CIDU-CLCP-AH) <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk>

Cc: Jum, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] C1 (SPO CIDU-CLCP-Claims-Mgr-SEO) <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk>; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Scotland's Redress Scheme - Meeting re QVS

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good morning, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)],

No problem at all, it was nice to meet you and your colleagues.

Can I just confirm that [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] will be the contact going forward for Previous Relevant Payment (PRP) and record verification/requests?

Kind regards

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]



[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] | Redress Contributions and Providers Policy Manager

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From: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 9:09 PM

To: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Cc: Jum, [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] C1 (SPO CIDU-DCU-PortfolioMgr1-C1) <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Scotland's Redress Scheme - Meeting re QVS

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Dear [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for the useful intro discussion on this earlier today. [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] referred to the single 'application' sat with Scottish Gov which requires MOD input. Please could the pro forma and other necessary details be sent to my colleague [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] (copied) to allow us to check our records?

Many thanks

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] | Assistant Head, Common Law Claims & Policy | Directorate of Judicial Engagement Policy | Ministry of Defence | Level 3 – Zone I | MOD Main Building | Whitehall | London | SW1A 2HB | Telephone (civilian): 07807 775 160

Please note that while I may work outside core office hours, there is absolutely no expectation to reply outside of your usual working pattern.

Redacted – Out of Scope, details of options for meeting times

From: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] B1 (People-AFFS-Safeguarding-DHd) <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)].Barker-[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk> on behalf of [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 August 2024 09:40

To: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] Mr (CLS-GL8) <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk>; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] C2 (SPO CIDU-CLCP-Claims-Mgr3-C2) <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Scotland's Redress Scheme - Meeting re QVS

When: 13 August 2024 15:00-16:00.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

I have arranged to meet with the redress scheme, forwarding in case you are able/wish to attend.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 9:22 AM

To: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)], [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] B1 (People-AFFS-Safeguarding-DHd); [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: Scotland's Redress Scheme - Meeting re QVS

When: 13 August 2024 15:00-16:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: Redacted

Passcode: Redacted

Dial in by phone

[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)],,852665306# United Kingdom, Edinburgh

Find a local number

Phone conference ID: Redacted#

For organisers: Meeting options | Reset dial-in PIN

SCOTS Connect - Please note - You must have the explicit permission of the organiser to record this meeting and its attendees, using any technology.

Org help | Privacy and security

[Redacted – out of scope, arrangement of meeting over Teams to discuss

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From: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 1:26 PM

To: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] (MULTIUSER) <[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@mod.gov.uk>
Cc: [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@modschoools.org
Subject: Scotland's Redress Scheme

To MoD Schools Casework Contact

I am writing from Scotland's Redress Scheme.

Queen Victoria School has now been named in at least one application to the Redress Scheme so we would like to discuss potential scheme participation with you as a matter of urgency, to explore whether we could conclude the necessary steps for the Ministry of Defence to be included on the Contributor List and therefore benefit from the waiver to be signed by recipients of redress payments.

We have been in discussion with the school for a number of months about an application to the Redress Scheme indicating that uniquely the young person had their fees paid for them by a local authority rather than the MoD or their parents. Ultimately any decision on eligibility is for a NDPB, Redress Scotland to decide on, but it is possible that they could decide that this case is eligible for redress.

Multiple organisations are already participants in the Scheme and they are outlined in the Contributor List . The Statement of Principles sets out the principles the Scottish Ministers will use to assess whether an organisation is making a fair and meaningful financial contribution to Scotland's Redress Scheme and the participation information document provides information for organisations considering participating in the Scheme.

- We can also provide an update on the Scheme, as of 30 June 2024, shows 4035 applications for redress have been received since the scheme opened on 8 December 2021.
- More than 2150 initial applications have been passed to Redress Scotland for consideration, and more than 1535 applicants have accepted a payment offer. Since the scheme opened, 106 apologies have been requested and 65 apologies have been completed.

Payments ranging from £10,000 to £100,000 are available to eligible applicants.

Redress payments of more than £75m have been made.

Queen Victoria School indicated that any decision to join the scheme, or not, would likely have to be made at MoD level but they have not yet been able to identify a lead contact for us, and the case is now urgent as it is about to go to Redress Scotland for a determination.

It would be good to have a conversation about Scotland's Redress Scheme with the Ministry of Defence to discuss the above. Please do get in touch by emailing [Redacted - S.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot and we can arrange a Teams meeting. If you would prefer not to discuss the above matters, please advise, and we can respond detailing next steps.



[Redacted - S.38(1)(b)] | Team Leader – Contributions and Providers

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