



Redress Scotland: Chair's Circular Three: The Redress Scotland Panels (Standing Orders) 2022

To: All Redress Scotland panel members

From: Johnny Gwynne, Chair of Redress Scotland

Re: The Redress Scotland Panels (Standing Orders) 2022

1. Chair's Circular

This Chair's Circular is aligned to my responsibilities as Chair for issuing guidance notes in the exercise of your functions as panel members under paragraph G5 of the standing orders, as well as helping give general information to panel members. When relevant and appropriate, I will distribute such guidance notes in the form of these Chair's Circulars.

2. Outline of The Redress Scotland Panels (Standing Orders) 2022

To guide the work of panel members at Redress Scotland, the attached Standing Orders have been developed. These are designed to provide guidance for the work of panel members that is aligned with the legislation and statutory guidance.

The standing orders have seven parts:

- Part A: Citation, commencement and interpretation;
- Part B: The overriding objective, application and modification of these standing orders;
- Part C: Records and prioritisation of applications for redress payments and other panel proceedings;
- Part D: Procedure for appointing a panel;
- Part E: Requests for further information and oral representation;
- Part F: Decision making by panels; and
- Part G: Ancillary matters relating to panel processes.

The standing orders have been carefully prepared to enhance and support the work of panel members in making determinations. The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 does not require such standing orders to be approved by Scottish Ministers. They will therefore be managed by Redress Scotland, and changes may be made to them if it is necessary to do so.

3. *Expectations of panel members*

All panel members should review and read The Redress Scotland Panels (Standing Orders) 2022. The standing orders should be consistently followed. Any concerns about the standing orders, or proposals for changes, should be shared with myself, as the Chair of Redress Scotland, or with Bill Matthews as the Deputy Chair.

Johnny Gwynne
Chair of Redress Scotland