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Scottish Ministers
St. Andrew's House
Regent Road
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The Aberlour Child Care Trust (“**Aberlour**”, “**we**”) is writing to formally confirm its desire to participate in the Scottish Ministers’ Scheme to be established for the provision of redress and compensation to people who suffered abuse as children while in care (the “**Redress Scheme**”) in accordance with the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (the “**Redress Act**”).

In accordance with section 14(1)(c) of the Redress Act, we wish to make the following statement which confirms and amplifies the apology we have already made to those affected.

To All Affected & Concerned:

We acknowledge and accept that there have been children in Aberlour’s care in whose cases we not only failed to provide the safe environment the children required, but we also failed to prevent abuse being inflicted on them. We accept that we failed in our responsibility to provide the care these children needed, and we further failed to keep them safe. We further acknowledge that we betrayed the trust which these children bestowed upon us, and we contributed to the significant difficulties which they were already facing. Finally, we acknowledge and accept that we contributed to these children’s existing trauma and in some instances inflicted fresh wounds. We recognise that these harmful experiences have not only had life-changing implications but continue to have a significant effect on survivors’ lives.

In recognition of these failings, we apologise profoundly and unreservedly to anyone who suffered abuse in our care. We also recognise the prolonged harmful effects of the abuse on the children and their immediate families. We therefore apologise to the families of both the survivors, and to the families of all those who are sadly no longer with us and to whom we are unable to offer our apologies directly.

It is incumbent upon us to not only take responsibility for the past, but to decide what to do with the time that is given to us in attempting to make meaningful amends to survivors and their families.

We believe that Aberlour’s participation in the Redress Scheme is a step in the direction of making meaningful amends for the wrongs suffered by children in our care. Our involvement with the Redress Scheme is only a part of the many actions Aberlour has undertaken to make sure that our past mistakes will never be repeated.

We will therefore continue to participate in the collective endeavour the nation has undertaken to acknowledge the difficult truths of the past and to make the appropriate amends to survivors and their families. We hope that this will allow for a healing process to commence which might one day lead to reconciliation.



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Aberlour remains open to discussing the above statement with all affected and/or interested parties. We are particularly keen on hearing from anyone who believes they have suffered abuse while in our care and you can contact us directly at enquiries@aberlour.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



David Robb, Chair

SallyAnn Kelly, Chief Executive

For and on behalf of the Aberlour Child Care Trust



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