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No factory as such, but I wonder if it's Dundee slang for a Magdalene-style needle sweat-workshop. The Rescue [of Fallen Women] Home in Cobden Street and the Deaf & Dumb School at Rankine Street, and possibly the Convent, would have offered "instruction" in needlework to better the soul.

There was also the “Home” or Davidson Mortification which had been in Paton’s Lane, moving to Ferry Road and lastly St Ronan’s in Dalkeith Road, recently converted into a home for the elderly. It too was for the “Reformation of Ladies in need of Correction”. It lasted until 1975 when it was sold to J Christie & Partners Quantity Surveyors and the conversion to a home was around 2012.

