

March 12th 2021

PQ 13169 21: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate repair clinics for upper prosthetic limbs at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter -Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

The Programme Manager has advised that The NRH/Ability Matters provides only minor mechanical repairs such as provision of a glove at their satellite clinics.

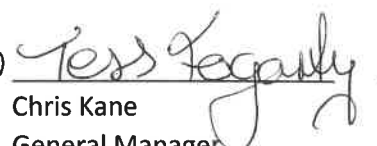
For all other care/repair they advise patients to attend their primary clinic in the NRH, Dublin.

This is to ensure that patients are reviewed by an appropriately experienced upper limb prosthetist, in a location close to a purpose built workshop and who has access to the expertise of a consultant in rehabilitation medicine and specialist interdisciplinary team if required.

This process has been reviewed by the NRH and it is felt that it best meets the needs of their patients in order to provide a safe and efficient level of care.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,


Chris Kane

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