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***\*To ask the Minister for Health the public and voluntary hospitals that have repair clinics for prosthetic limbs in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I am advised by the National Rehabilitation Centre at the National Rehabilitation Hospital that the position in respect of repair clinics for prosthetic limbs nationally is as follows:-

Clinic	Location	Service Provided
Dun Laoghaire	National Rehabilitation Centre, Rochestown Avenue	Minor/Moderate adjustments completed on site as there is a small workshop located at NRH. for major repairs, the prostheses are required to be brought to the central workshop facility in Deansgrange where specialised technicians are located. The prosthesis is then returned at an appointment with the prosthetist. This may be same day return due to the proximity of the workshop to the NRH.
Deansgrange	Main base for Ability Matters workshop	Full workshop with specialised technicians on site to cater for all repair/adjustment requirements.
Galway	Merlin Park Hospital	Minor adjustments on site as there is use of a limited workshop on site but for moderate/major repairs limb will need to be brought to central workshop facility in Deansgrange and returned at next clinic  Lower limb consultant led clinics are also run on site on a basis.
Mayo	Castlebar General Hospital	Minor adjustments on site as no workshop accessible during the clinic. Moderate/Major repairs are brought to central workshop facility in Deansgrange and returned at next clinic

Blanchardstown	On site of James Connolly Memorial Hospital	Minor/Moderate adjustments completed on site as there is a small workshop located in the facility, but major repairs to the prosthesis are required to be brought to the central workshop facility in Deansgrange where specialised technicians are located. The prosthesis is then returned at an appointment by the prosthetist.
Leitrim	St Patricks Community Hospital	Minor adjustments on site as no workshop accessible during the clinic. Moderate/Major repairs are brought to central workshop facility in Deansgrange and returned at next clinic
Donegal	Sally Place Primary Care Clinic	Minor adjustments on site as no workshop accessible during the clinic. Moderate/Major repairs are brought to central workshop facility in Deansgrange and returned at next clinic
Cork	Mercy University Hospital	Mercy University Hospital has a workshop in the POLAR Unit of the hospital that can complete minor repairs and adjustments to prosthetic limbs. However, this service is only available for patients of the POLAR Unit who have had their prosthetic device manufactured by the hospital's prosthetic service provider.
Limerick	UL Hospitals Group.	Orthotics and Prosthetics services are provided to Croom Orthopaedic Hospital by external company Ottobock IDS who are based at Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Croom Orthopaedic Hospital provided a location for Ottobock IDS to hold two weekly clinics. As we emerge from level 5 restrictions, we hope to have discussions surrounding the resumption of this service with Ottobock IDS in the near future.

Please note that NRH/Ability Matters provides only minor mechanical repairs such as provision of a glove at our satellite clinics mentioned above.

For all other care/repair, patients attend the NRH primary clinic in the 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 which has access to the expertise of a consultant in rehabilitation medicine and specialist interdisciplinary team if required.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,




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