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Deputy Richard O'Donoghue,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 45478/21 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide supports for amputees and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Richard O'Donoghue**

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 45478/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Amputees that arise from either a traumatic or elective event usually have their primary prosthesis fitted at the hospital where the surgery was undertaken. Subsequent prostheses are provided to eligible clients through the community funded schemes.

Rehabilitation services are provided by the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) primarily at their site in Dun Laoghaire and augmented by a number of satellite clinics that they operate throughout the country. There are also a number of smaller services operated at regional level that provide assessment and fitting clinics along with prostheses at a local level.

Counselling services for amputees are available through the POLAR service provided by the NRH and through the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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