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Re: PQ 34672/22 – Amputee rehabilitation - NRH

“To ask the Minister for Health the average period of time spent by a primary amputee in in-patient rehabilitation; if, after discharge from inpatient rehabilitation, amputees have access to a physiotherapist, gait training and counselling; the extent of the access to these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on amputee rehabilitation in the National Rehabilitation Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the average length of stay for an inpatient in the POLAR (Prosthetic, Orthotic and Limb Absence Rehabilitation) Programme is 55 days.

A comprehensive discharge plan accompanies all discharged patients to their next stage rehabilitation and many patients (where feasible) continue to access ongoing specialist rehabilitation services at the National Rehabilitation Hospital where they attend Consultant Led multidisciplinary (MDT) clinics. MDT clinic members include specialist physiotherapy, occupational therapy, prosthetics, orthotics, clinical psychology and medical social work.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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