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Deputy O'Donoghue,  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 48244/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the specific policy in relation to prosthetic funding for each community healthcare organisation area; the reason for such disparities in each of the CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Richard O' Donoghue**

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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 48244/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In respect of prosthetic services, the HSE does not directly provide these services. Provision is through one of the three private service providers who operate within the country. For amputees, these private service providers submit the proposed prosthetic solution for assessment and consideration by the CHO. The assessment is undertaken by the Prosthetics & Orthotics Service Manager or Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Managers

Each application is considered individually, based on a number of factors including; variation in service user history (e.g. tumour, trauma, or vascular), activity level, home/work environment and age. Once the application has been reviewed and any additional relevant information sought, the quote is either approved, amended, or declined. Given the wide variation in these individual requests, there can be the appearance of great variation between the different CHO's however this must be considered in the context that these items are generally bespoke in nature and demand led.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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