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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 18 April regarding Petition P05 – 817 seeking specialist prosthetics for child amputees.

In Wales, NHS Prosthetic and Amputee Rehabilitation services are delivered in-house by three specialist Artificial Limb and Appliance Centres (ALAC) located in Cardiff, Swansea and Wrexham. The service is centrally commissioned by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) on behalf of the seven Local Health Boards in Wales.

The three Welsh services are able to provide the full range of advice and prosthetic rehabilitation for all levels of upper and lower limb loss across all age groups. Patients are treated on an individual basis and assessed according to their clinical need and provided with lifelong clinical care. The provision of specialist sports prostheses for children is a matter for the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee. The specialist service policy can be found at:

<http://www.whssc.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/1119/cp89%20prosthetic%20and%20amputee%20rehab%20services%20service%20spec.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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