

**CHILDRENS ACTIVITY AND SPORTS PROSTHETHES**

Between now and the end of March 2018, the Department of Health is making available a total of £750,000 to fund prostheses in England for children who have suffered limb loss or were born with a limb deficiency, to enable them to engage in physical activity and sports.

NHS Limb centres in England may request funds from the Department of Health for individual prosthesis they have prescribed up to the value of £5000 (per limb not per child), including all the associated costs of fitting the new limb, such as a new socket or liner.

For an individual prosthesis of greater value, they must apply for approval from an advisory group.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Funding will be provided if the following criteria are met.

1. The child or young person is under the age of 18 when assessed for their prosthetic needs.
2. The child or young person has suffered limb loss or congenital limb deficiency. The prosthesis can be for any limb (or limbs if the child has multiple limb loss or deficiency). Upper and lower limb components can be included.
3. In the opinion of the clinicians in the Limb Centre, the child or young person is fit to engage in physical activity.
4. In the opinion of the Limb Centre, the child or young person will benefit from the prosthesis, and from engaging in the physical activity.

Please note that the physical activity might include PE, sports or games at school, recreation, playing with friends, organised sporting activity etc.

1. In the opinion of the Limb Centre, the prosthesis is appropriate for the child or young person, and the activity for which it is intended.

The Limb Centre – rather than the child or young person and their family – must be responsible for determining the appropriate prosthesis. Components which are being used as part of a trial or to support a study will not be funded. Where possible a child or young person should trial the prosthetic.

1. The Limb Centre is confident that there is a need for the prosthetic and that it will be used for more specialised activities (e.g. canoeing, rock climbing for example - there is a demonstrable interest in the sport, or a history of participation).