

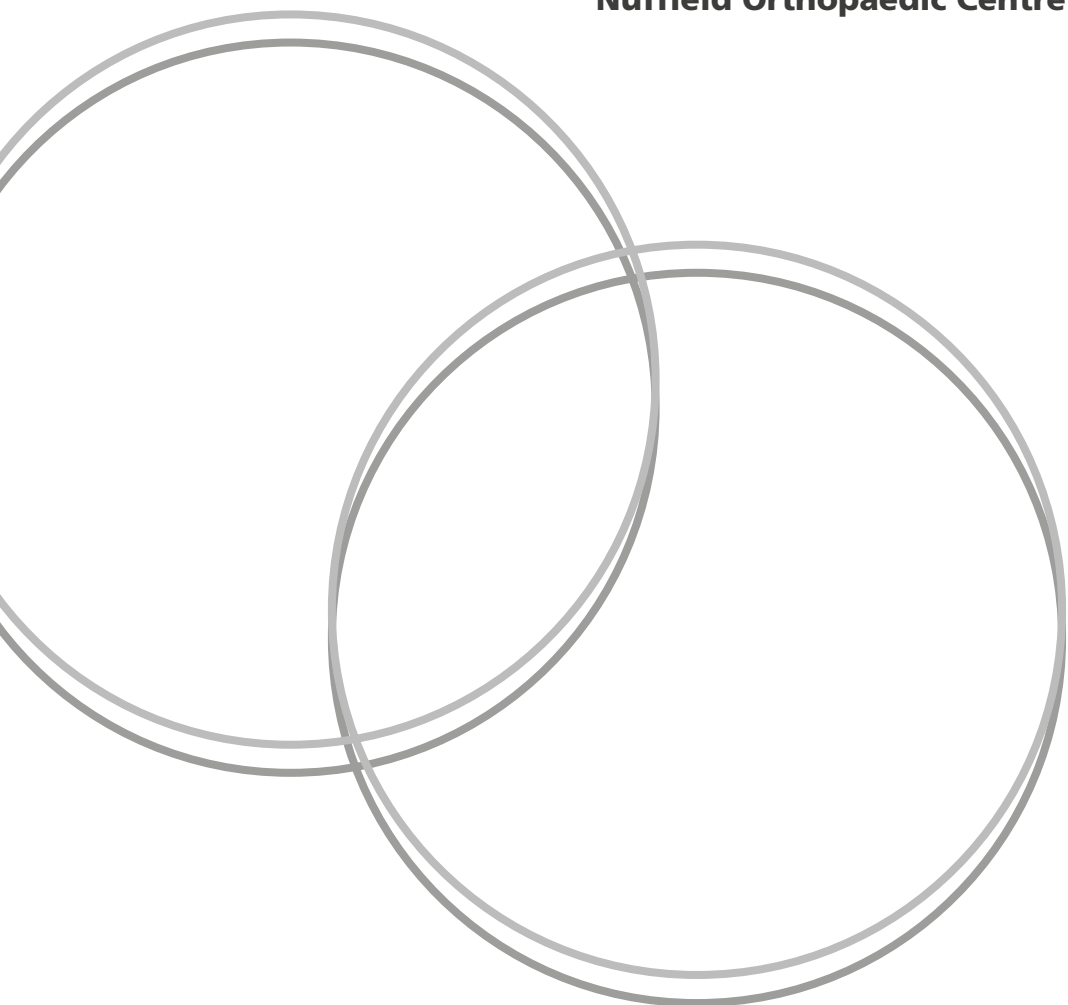


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Amputee Rehabilitation Service

Information for patients

**Oxford Centre for Enablement,
Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre**



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You have been given this leaflet as it has been decided, following an assessment with the Amputee Rehabilitation team, that it is not appropriate for you to be issued with a or artificial limb. This decision has been made after considerable thought and discussion by the team.

We understand that this may be very disappointing for you and your family, so it may be helpful for you to know some of the factors which are considered when making the decision.

The Amputee Rehabilitation team look at:

- your general medical condition
- strength and range of movement in both of your lower limbs
- your upper body strength
- your ability to understand instructions
- your ability to move from sitting to standing on your own, with or without a walking aid, but with no-one helping
- exercise tolerance or ability to do exercise
- safety – particularly in respect to the risk of trips and falls.

If your expectation had been that you would get a prosthetic limb, but it was felt by the assessing Amputee Rehabilitation team to be unsuitable, it may be because at that time your recovery is incomplete after surgery or illness. You may wish to ask questions after you have had chance to digest the information you were given at the appointment.

If you wish to discuss the outcome further please ring **01865 227 295** to speak to a member of the Amputee Rehabilitation team. They will discuss the process with you confidentially and can offer you support.

The philosophy of the department is that we work towards enabling each individual to reach their potential as an amputee. For some people this will be as a non prosthetic user.

As a service, we are able to offer support and on-going advice to people who will be dependent on other mobility aids, such as a wheelchair, buggy, scooter, etc. If you want any further advice or support from any member of the team, please call us.

Telephone: **01865 227 295**

The team is made up of a consultant, nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist and prosthetists.

If with time you feel your ability improves and you would like to be reconsidered for a prosthesis, please ask your GP to refer you back to our team.

Further information

If you would like an interpreter, please speak to the department where you are being seen.

Please also tell them if you would like this information in another format, such as:

- Easy Read
- large print
- braille
- audio
- electronic
- another language.

We have tried to make the information in this leaflet meet your needs. If it does not meet your individual needs or situation, please speak to your healthcare team. They are happy to help.

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