

# Dorset Prosthetic Centre pre-amputation Consultation

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This leaflet aims to tell you what a Pre-amputation Consultation is and to tell you what will happen. This leaflet is aimed at individuals who are considering amputation.

## What is the appointment for?

The appointment is an opportunity to meet with the Rehabilitation Consultant and discuss your medical reasons for considering an amputation. Hopefully you will gain insight into what it would be like to be a prosthetic user should you proceed with amputation and how we would be able to assist you with your rehabilitation.

In addition the following may be undertaken depending on your need:

- Discussion with the Consultant in Rehabilitation regarding pain control either before or after amputation.
- Meeting other members of the multi-disciplinary team,
- Viewing a prosthetic (artificial) leg
- Discussion regarding your thoughts and feelings about having an amputation and whether a referral to the counsellor would be helpful.
- Arranging a 'match' with an amputee in similar circumstances to yourself so that you can learn and be encouraged by their experience.
- Signposting to other services that may be helpful to you as you face different circumstances.

## Who Will I See?

You may be seen by one or more of the following team members

**Tim Randell** Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist

**Emma Proctor** Nurse Specialist

**Joanne Teanby** Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist

## Where is the appointment?

Your appointment is at the Dorset Prosthetic Centre which is located next to the Urgent Treatment Centre and ED minors.

## What time is the appointment?

Appointments are Monday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30 pm and will last an hour and a half.

## Do I need to bring anything with me?

You are welcome to bring someone with you.

Please bring a list of current medication or a copy of your repeat prescription.

If you are diabetic please bring your lunchtime medication and something to eat with you.

## Who do I contact regarding my appointment?

If you have any concerns or questions about your visit and need to speak to someone please telephone and ask for

**Penny Moore, Tim Randell, Joanne Teanby**

Please note if you are unable to keep your appointment please contact the centre, **0300 019 4363**, so your appointment can be rearranged.

## How do I get to my appointment?

Please see leaflet about transport.

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