

# Prosthetist



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## What is a Prosthetist?

Prosthetists provide gait analysis and engineering solutions to patients with limb loss. They are competent to design and provide prostheses that replicate the structural or functional characteristics of the patient's absent limb.

They treat patients with congenital loss as well as loss due to diabetes, reduced vascularity, infection and trauma. Military personnel are forming an increasing part of their caseload with the centre holding a Ministry of Defence (MoD) contract.

## Where will you find our Prosthetists?

You will find our prosthetists in the Special Mobility Rehabilitation Centre (SMRC), the base for their regional service.

## Future aspirations for the profession:

- Integrate research and innovation into service
- Scope potential for degree apprenticeships and support workforce development (although no supply issue the age profiles of the service indicate this is required for succession planning)



**Support workforce:  
Technicians**