

Acute and elective patient discharge volumes

South Canterbury DHB

Table 2 below gives information that tells you about the publicly funded services received by people living in the South Canterbury DHB area (DHB of domicile). Some of these services may have been provided by hospitals outside the South Canterbury DHB area.

The table shows the number of people in the South Canterbury DHB area who were discharged from surgical specialties. The information is split into acute and elective patients. An acute patient is one who requires immediate assessment or treatment. An elective patient is one who requires less urgent treatment and whose surgery (eg. a hip replacement) can be scheduled for a future date.

Table 2: Acute and elective patient discharge volumes, South Canterbury DHB *

Number of discharges of South Canterbury DHB residents from all New Zealand hospitals, by surgical service.

Surgical service	Annual totals					
	Acute			Elective		
	2016/17	2017/18	Jul2018-Mar2019	2016/17	2017/18	Jul2018-Mar2019
Cardiothoracic	26	27	24	34	38	17
Ear, nose and throat	73	89	63	410	332	244
General surgery	1100	1121	924	1021	990	644
Gynaecology	157	170	158	306	348	295
Neurosurgery	30	45	31	57	50	44
Ophthalmology	14	20	17	399	380	259
Orthopaedics	554	555	452	516	452	230
Paediatric surgical	9	12	3	18	16	12
Plastic and burns	43	49	39	52	60	37
Urology	29	31	15	26	24	14
Vascular surgery	13	16	12	34	28	25
Total	2048	2135	1738	2873	2718	1821

* This information is drawn from a dynamic database and is subject to change as data is updated by DHBs. Interpretation of the information in this table should not be made without reference to the notes provided at <http://www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/health-statistics-and-data-sets/hospital-surgical-activity-data-and-stats/explanation-hospital-surgical-activity-data>