

# Acute and elective patient discharge volumes

## Southern DHB

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

The table shows the number of people in the Southern 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, Southern DHB \***

Number of discharges of Southern 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	263	200	178	169	240	138
Ear, nose and throat	300	344	256	1446	1494	1114
General surgery	3741	3961	2950	1495	1465	1174
Gynaecology	738	767	656	970	963	753
Neurosurgery	274	248	208	164	176	142
Ophthalmology	216	190	126	1582	1555	1227
Orthopaedics	2791	2833	2238	1750	1742	1259
Paediatric surgical	89	65	58	254	268	183
Plastic and burns	261	217	174	566	567	517
Urology	594	627	489	948	1139	717
Vascular surgery	509	477	365	201	205	148
<b>Total</b>	<b>9776</b>	<b>9929</b>	<b>7698</b>	<b>9545</b>	<b>9814</b>	<b>7372</b>

\* 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>