

# Acute and elective patient discharge volumes

## West Coast DHB

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

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

Number of discharges of West Coast 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	22	20	13	18	18	10
Ear, nose and throat	25	14	11	143	152	96
General surgery	699	701	501	345	326	258
Gynaecology	84	122	111	171	182	122
Neurosurgery	15	24	19	18	21	11
Ophthalmology	9	6	16	327	319	221
Orthopaedics	382	427	343	250	255	169
Paediatric surgical	30	27	9	44	22	11
Plastic and burns	68	76	43	119	126	70
Urology	24	16	18	99	86	65
Vascular surgery	32	32	14	32	47	28
<b>Total</b>	1390	1465	1098	1566	1554	1061

\* 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>