

# Acute and elective patient discharge volumes

## Whanganui DHB

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

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

Number of discharges of Whanganui 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
<b>Cardiothoracic</b>	31	31	20	33	30	34
<b>Ear, nose and throat</b>	54	41	41	418	322	261
<b>General surgery</b>	1503	1537	1130	761	792	610
<b>Gynaecology</b>	140	156	130	269	285	227
<b>Neurosurgery</b>	47	45	34	20	33	21
<b>Ophthalmology</b>	42	14	23	319	230	262
<b>Orthopaedics</b>	823	823	500	634	728	440
<b>Paediatric surgical</b>	22	17	5	51	48	32
<b>Plastic and burns</b>	58	78	59	54	58	48
<b>Urology</b>	72	56	57	191	209	157
<b>Vascular surgery</b>	36	48	39	33	33	33
<b>Total</b>	2828	2846	2038	2783	2768	2125

\* 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>