

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Auckland DHB

Table 4 below gives information that tells you about the publicly funded services delivered by hospitals in the Auckland DHB area (DHB of service). Some of the people who received these services may live outside the Auckland DHB area.

The table shows the number of people who were treated by surgical specialties in the Auckland DHB area. It shows both the number of patients discharged and the case weights attributed to those patients.

Case weights measure the relative complexity of the treatment given to each patient. For example, a cataract operation will receive a case weight of approximately 0.5, while a hip replacement will receive 4 case weights. This difference reflects the resources needed for each operation, in terms of theatre time, number of days in hospital etc.

Table 4: Patient discharge and case-weight information, Auckland DHB *

Number of discharges from Auckland DHB hospitals, with case-weighted totals, by surgical service.

Surgical service	Annual totals					
	Patient numbers			Case weights		
	2016/17	2017/18	Jul2018-Mar2019	2016/17	2017/18	Jul2018-Mar2019
Cardiothoracic	1650	1606	1228	11541	11412	8566
Ear, nose and throat	5996	5908	4517	5333	5652	3931
General surgery	10154	10183	7571	12492	12490	9331
Gynaecology	5300	4934	3704	3652	3577	2704
Neurosurgery	1921	1913	1433	7185	7577	5725
Ophthalmology	8449	9794	7075	4484	4922	3478
Orthopaedics	7693	7615	5719	12643	13377	9953
Paediatric surgical	3243	3223	2264	3178	2904	1977
Urology	3878	4170	3177	4331	4258	3111
Vascular surgery	1691	1540	1201	4318	3971	3277
Total	49975	50886	37889	69156	70140	52054

* 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>