

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Bay of Plenty DHB

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

The table shows the number of people who were treated by surgical specialties in the Bay of Plenty 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, Bay of Plenty DHB *

Number of discharges from Bay of Plenty 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
Ear, nose and throat	764	862	590	567	644	433
General surgery	6057	5927	4739	6700	6632	5446
Gynaecology	1637	1568	1149	1214	1129	855
Ophthalmology	1002	1247	923	561	666	454
Orthopaedics	4771	4738	3817	8726	9170	6905
Paediatric surgical	51	71	15	31	39	9
Plastic and burns	358	440	325	311	381	273
Urology	522	504	384	394	399	318
Vascular surgery	271	300	158	600	777	392
Total	15433	15657	12100	19105	19838	15086

* 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>