

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Capital and Coast DHB

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

The table shows the number of people who were treated by surgical specialties in the Capital and Coast 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, Capital and Coast DHB *

Number of discharges from Capital and Coast 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	946	977	672	6161	6082	4177
Ear, nose and throat	1651	1651	1308	1296	1315	970
General surgery	4510	4723	3650	5763	5994	4502
Gynaecology	2990	3092	2407	2311	2270	1748
Neurosurgery	1193	1270	843	4684	4676	3240
Ophthalmology	2343	2321	1760	1527	1430	1019
Orthopaedics	4612	4734	3485	8671	8608	6097
Paediatric surgical	1306	1315	969	1058	1015	749
Urology	1512	1556	1091	1789	1759	1178
Vascular surgery	1063	1189	932	2878	2584	2158
Total	22126	22828	17117	36138	35733	25838

* 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>