

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Counties Manukau DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Counties Manukau 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	2002	1817	1387	1362	1257	956
General surgery	12225	12606	9199	14268	14203	10588
Gynaecology	4439	4458	3239	2968	3080	2177
Ophthalmology	2153	2357	2005	1161	1200	946
Orthopaedics	7286	7195	5167	14011	13297	9424
Paediatric surgical	1	3	0	0	1	0
Plastic and burns	8066	7929	5814	8139	8165	5728
Urology	448	456	341	390	372	252
Total	36620	36821	27152	42300	41575	30071

* 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>