

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Hawkes Bay DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Hawkes Bay 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	794	721	457	641	528	342
General surgery	3730	3803	3058	5220	5125	4311
Gynaecology	1161	1086	830	907	891	626
Neurosurgery	2	1	3	1	0	2
Ophthalmology	1195	1194	899	667	639	440
Orthopaedics	2632	2725	2178	4558	4763	3744
Paediatric surgical	7	5	7	5	4	6
Plastic and burns	298	370	201	250	308	194
Urology	914	929	719	1018	935	749
Vascular surgery	319	386	242	778	834	539
Total	11052	11220	8594	14047	14027	10953

* 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>