

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Hutt Valley DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Hutt Valley 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	598	627	424	418	412	308
General surgery	2574	2490	1761	2924	3102	2140
Gynaecology	1227	1036	614	872	768	441
Ophthalmology	451	521	312	231	255	144
Orthopaedics	1707	1776	1422	3334	3551	2680
Plastic and burns	3843	3925	3061	4204	4168	3429
Total	10400	10375	7594	11982	12256	9141

* 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>