

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Lakes DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Lakes 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	766	640	520	507	423	323
General surgery	3438	3350	2496	3517	3550	2594
Gynaecology	979	933	684	678	634	459
Ophthalmology	661	679	535	358	346	259
Orthopaedics	2539	2507	1759	4011	4153	2665
Paediatric surgical	95	99	43	58	54	29
Total	8478	8208	6037	9129	9160	6329

** 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>