

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Midcentral DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Midcentral 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	1004	1023	665	740	749	582
General surgery	3847	4044	2821	5116	5361	3812
Gynaecology	1281	1223	931	883	871	659
Ophthalmology	872	845	703	504	465	351
Orthopaedics	2083	2017	1427	3892	3795	2614
Plastic and burns	55	145	7	35	78	8
Urology	1236	1111	841	1401	1290	905
Total	10378	10408	7395	12570	12608	8932

** 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>