

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Nelson Marlborough DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Nelson Marlborough 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	805	815	562	585	556	394
General surgery	3511	3245	2603	3643	3540	2819
Gynaecology	1082	1157	787	880	950	613
Ophthalmology	793	692	437	434	361	209
Orthopaedics	2615	2461	1947	4667	4409	3383
Plastic and burns	0	12	10	0	16	12
Urology	936	891	664	846	799	575
Vascular surgery	120	194	171	239	415	326
Total	9862	9467	7181	11292	11047	8331

* 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>