

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Northland DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Northland 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	1340	1470	1102	973	1060	784
General surgery	5012	4745	3292	5130	4991	3627
Gynaecology	1040	993	621	781	702	480
Ophthalmology	957	1020	747	528	542	362
Orthopaedics	3556	3333	2229	6193	5926	4054
Plastic and burns	82	71	45	89	69	48
Urology	1026	1151	824	1001	1025	764
Total	13013	12783	8860	14695	14315	10119

* 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>