

Patient discharge and case-weight information

South Canterbury DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from South Canterbury 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	475	478	318	232	252	176
General surgery	2057	2053	1553	2104	2183	1615
Gynaecology	424	473	441	311	344	317
Ophthalmology	321	340	233	168	168	107
Orthopaedics	1016	959	667	1660	1606	1149
Total	4293	4303	3212	4474	4553	3364

** 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>