

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Tairawhiti DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Tairawhiti 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	354	427	274	256	266	165
General surgery	1936	1963	1515	1969	2147	1568
Gynaecology	376	336	245	313	276	184
Ophthalmology	176	190	186	98	97	89
Orthopaedics	940	864	774	1346	1327	1142
Paediatric surgical	11	7	12	7	5	8
Plastic and burns	25	18	16	20	10	10
Urology	86	69	51	107	69	58
Total	3904	3874	3073	4116	4197	3225

* 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>