

# Patient discharge and case-weight information

## Taranaki DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Taranaki 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	551	614	301	348	370	184
General surgery	3635	3437	2311	3677	3570	2428
Gynaecology	1060	1164	836	723	791	508
Ophthalmology	533	509	407	282	258	187
Orthopaedics	1897	1958	1568	3329	3441	2689
Urology	619	630	467	522	551	415
Vascular surgery	48	266	218	49	449	377
<b>Total</b>	<b>8343</b>	<b>8578</b>	<b>6108</b>	<b>8929</b>	<b>9430</b>	<b>6788</b>

\* 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>