

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Waikato DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Waikato 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
Cardiothoracic	877	1002	679	5625	6482	4200
Ear, nose and throat	2486	2489	1849	1832	1815	1361
General surgery	7888	8164	6758	10641	10656	8704
Gynaecology	2828	2950	2380	1940	2088	1658
Neurosurgery	826	904	689	3102	3430	2315
Ophthalmology	2020	2220	1741	1284	1344	968
Orthopaedics	4843	5277	4000	9924	11090	8184
Paediatric surgical	1666	1732	1252	1363	1327	1043
Plastic and burns	4890	4884	3521	4632	4665	3435
Urology	1117	1474	1174	1250	1586	1248
Vascular surgery	1509	1388	1104	3233	2872	2462
Total	30950	32484	25147	44827	47355	35579

* 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>