

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Wairarapa DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Wairarapa 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	5	0	0	2	0	0
General surgery	1144	1145	857	1053	1030	733
Gynaecology	401	347	258	298	257	193
Ophthalmology	245	265	146	128	130	67
Orthopaedics	863	984	599	1355	1610	939
Plastic and burns	58	67	33	27	31	52
Urology	83	97	48	94	115	54
Total	2799	2905	1941	2957	3173	2038

* 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>