

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Waitemata DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Waitemata 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	1788	1784	1103	1294	1344	836
General surgery	11478	12131	8552	12744	13167	9540
Gynaecology	4735	4630	3296	3057	2971	2091
Orthopaedics	8359	8315	6008	14028	13575	9598
Urology	1066	1057	828	1237	1149	845
Total	27426	27917	19787	32360	32206	22909

** 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>