

Patient discharge and case-weight information

West Coast DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from West Coast 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	2	0	0	1	0	0
General surgery	898	884	670	792	775	555
Gynaecology	227	264	191	154	187	145
Ophthalmology	287	288	195	161	149	92
Orthopaedics	383	459	346	527	686	501
Paediatric surgical	53	26	12	33	14	8
Plastic and burns	39	48	16	24	34	9
Urology	68	67	52	71	71	54
Total	1957	2036	1482	1762	1916	1365

* 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>