

Patient discharge and case-weight information

Whanganui DHB

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

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

Number of discharges from Whanganui 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	427	352	278	330	271	211
General surgery	2178	2219	1702	2428	2486	1896
Gynaecology	381	426	322	329	362	274
Ophthalmology	279	182	234	148	92	110
Orthopaedics	1435	1497	924	2456	2589	1517
Plastic and burns	0	2	3	0	1	2
Urology	41	54	24	40	52	25
Total	4741	4732	3487	5731	5852	4035

* 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>