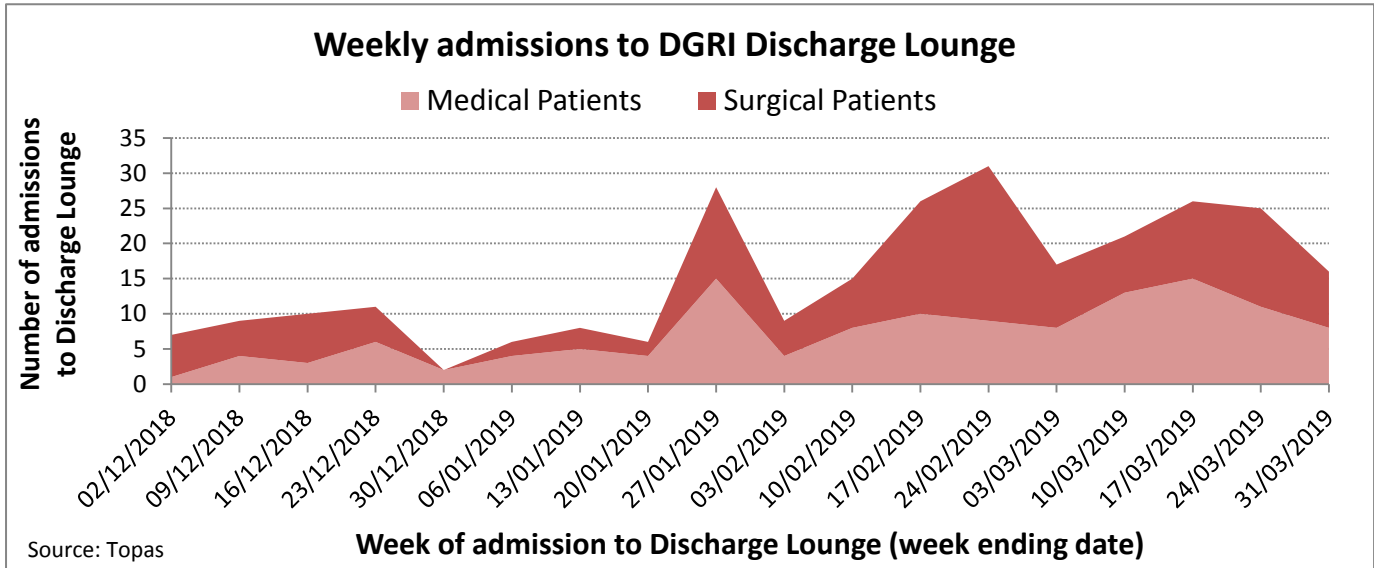


# Discharge Lounge usage

The lounge operated from 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday from Monday 26th November 2018 to Friday 29th March 2019. This report includes data for this full 18 week period.

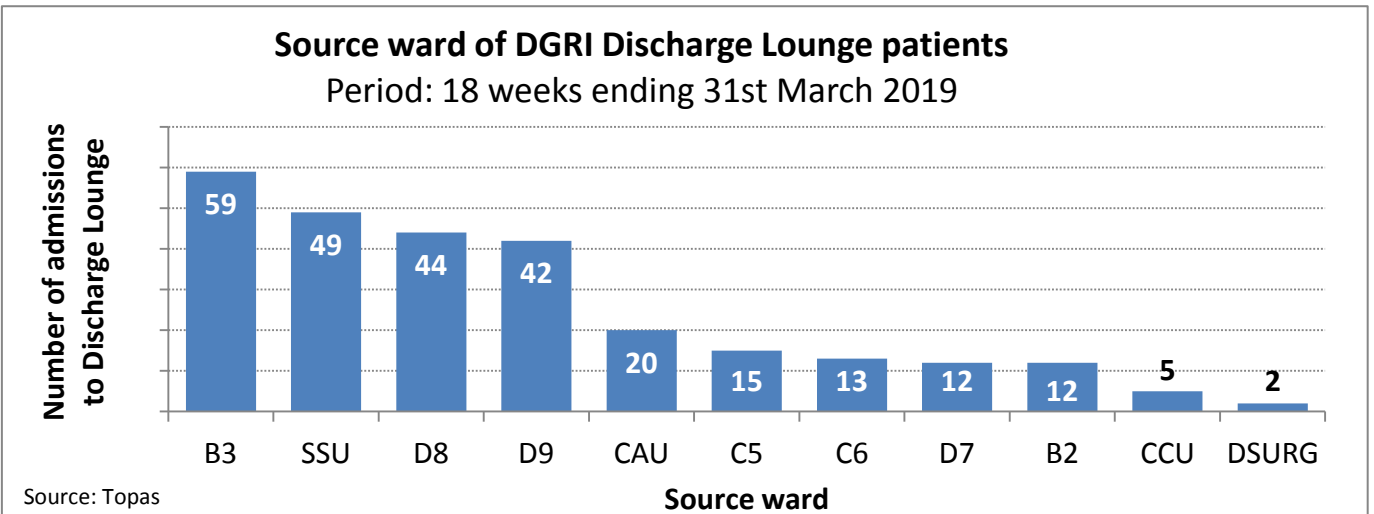
## Number of users of the Discharge Lounge

There have been 273 users of the Discharge Lounge in its 18 weeks of operation over winter 2018/19. This is an average of 15 patients per week. 143 (52%) of those patients were admitted under a surgical specialty and 130 (48%) were admitted under a medical specialty. The busiest weeks were week ending 27th January 2019, when 31 patients went through the lounge and week ending 24th February when 33 patients did so.

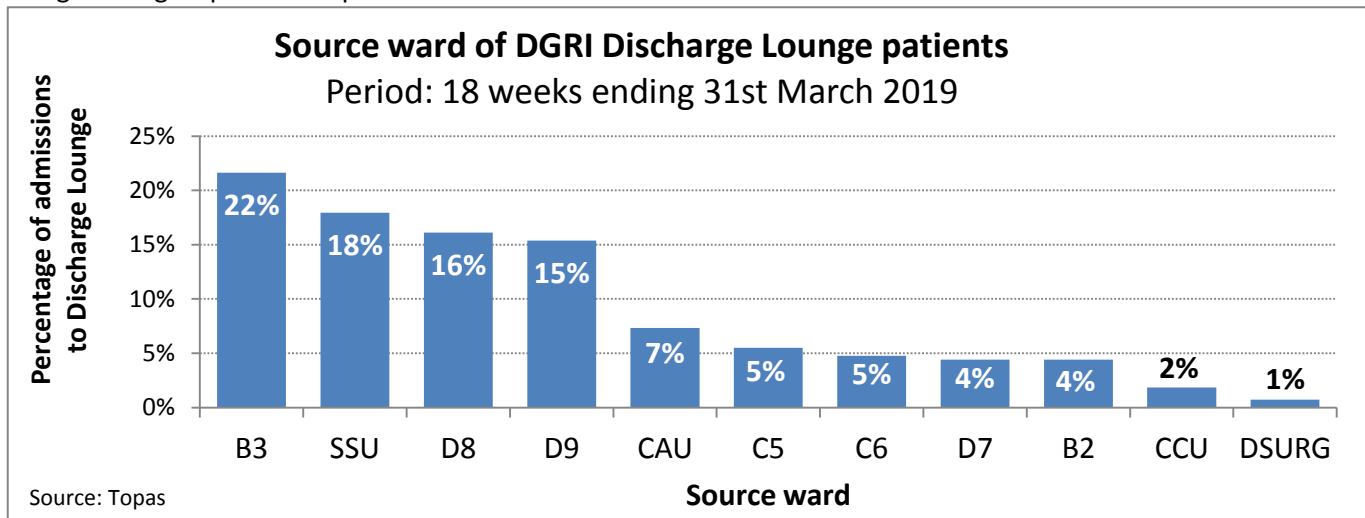


## Source ward of Discharge Lounge patients

During the discharge lounge's 18 weeks of operation the downstream wards which used it most were ward B3 (used for 59 patients - 3.3 patients per week), ward D9 (used for 49 patients - 2.7 patients per week) and ward D8 (used for 42 patients - 2.3 patients per week).



Along with the Short Stay Unit (SSU), these three downstream wards accounted for 71% of all admissions to the lounge during its period of operation.

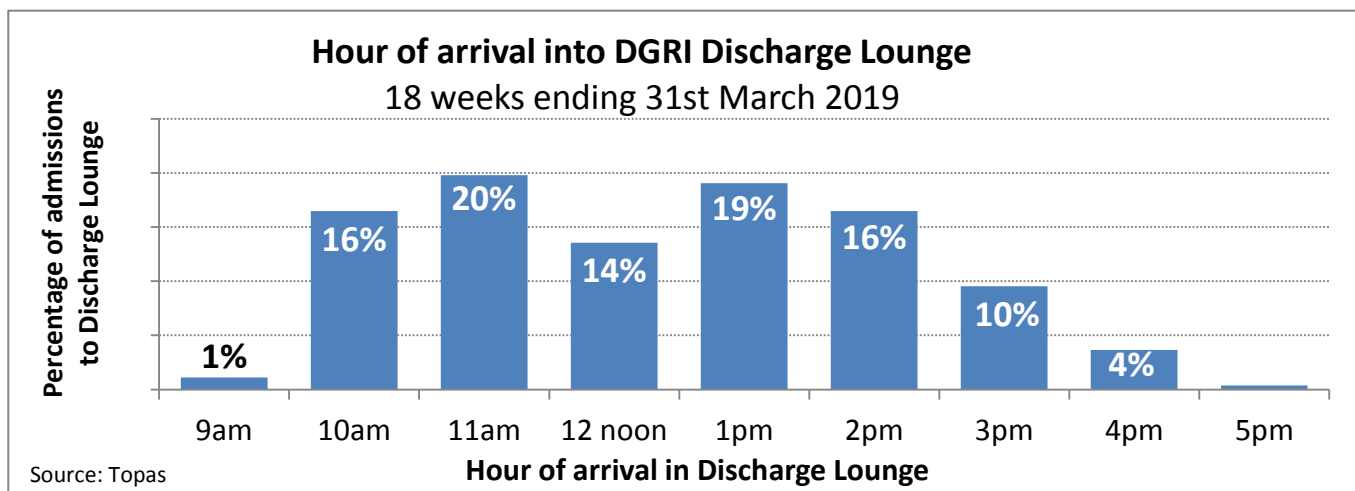


### Frail patients

Over the 18 week period, 12 of the 273 patients using the discharge lounge were classed as frail i.e. They had a frailty flag on their records in Cortix. This represents 4% of all discharge lounge users.

### Hour of arrival into the Discharge Lounge

Admissions into the Discharge Lounge primarily take place between 10am and 3pm, with a dip in volumes over lunch time.



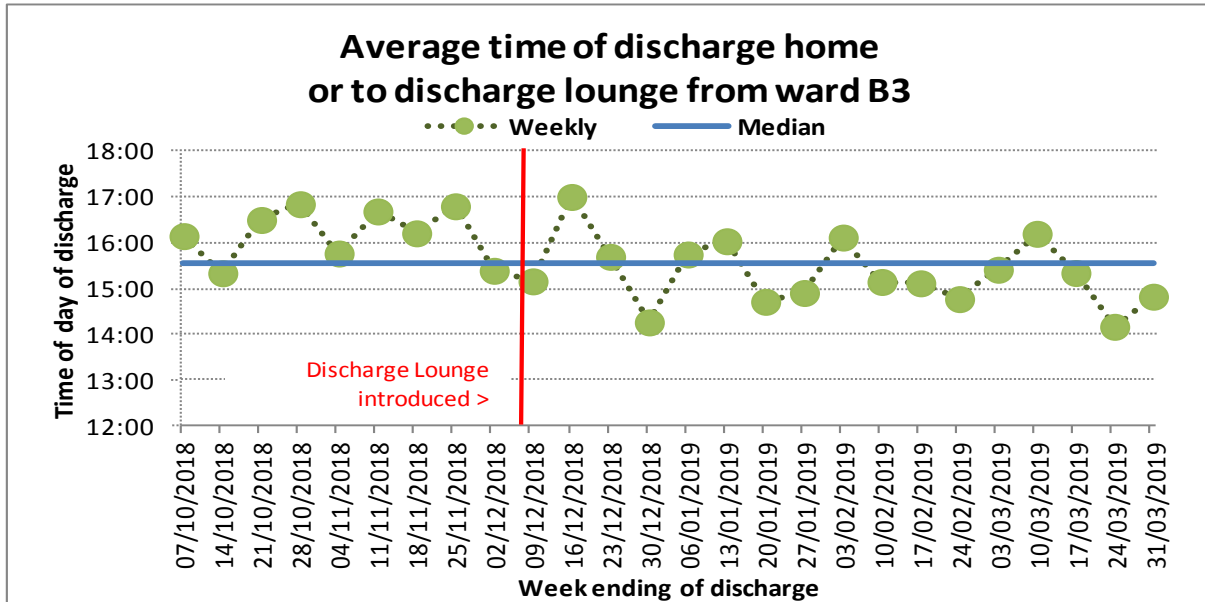
### Length of stay in the Discharge Lounge

The average (mean) length of stay in the Discharge Lounge during its 18 weeks of operation was 105 minutes.

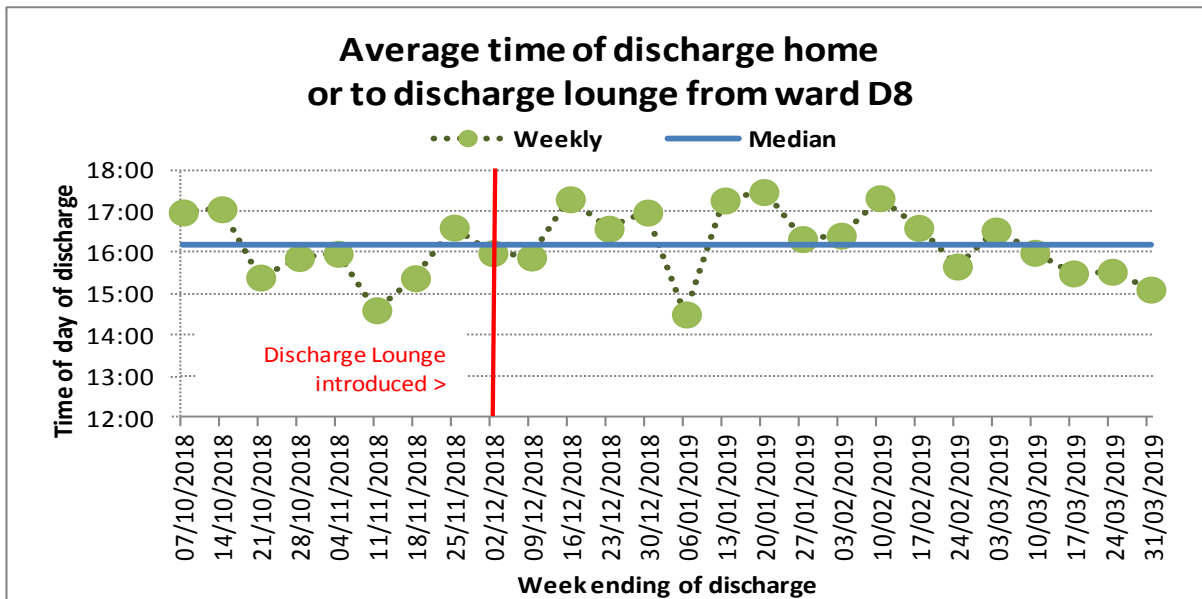
## Time of day of discharge from ward

The following charts shows the average weekly time of day of discharge from the three downstream wards which have used the Discharge Lounge the most since its inception - wards B3, D8 and D9. These figures only relate to those patients who go home or to a homely setting, such as a care home, either directly from the ward, or via the discharge lounge. An earlier in the day average discharge time for these patients following the introduction of the discharge lounge would indicate that the facility was allowing beds to be freed up in the ward earlier in the day since the introduction of the discharge lounge.

For ward B3, the median discharge time in the 8 weeks prior to the opening of the discharge lounge was 16:21. In the 18 weeks that discharge lounge was open, the median discharge time was 15:51 i.e. 30 minutes earlier.



For ward D8, the median discharge time in the 8 weeks prior to the opening of the discharge lounge was 15:55. In the 18 weeks that the discharge lounge was open, the median discharge time was 16:22 i.e. 27 minutes later.



For ward D9, the median discharge time in the 8 weeks prior to the opening of the discharge lounge was 16:04. In the 18 weeks that the discharge lounge was open, the median discharge time was 15:32 i.e. 32 minutes earlier.

