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Press Release

RUH Registrar wins Junior Doctor of the Year Award

Dr Dan Magnus, a Paediatric Registrar at the Royal United Hospital, has been voted Junior Doctor of the Year.

Dan was one of just three finalists nominated for the *British Medical Journal (BMJ) Junior Doctor of the Year* award, which acknowledges the doctor in training who has done most to improve the world we live in, or to inspire others.

Dan was selected from more than 600 nominees as a finalist, and his win was announced at a prestigious award ceremony in London yesterday - 18 May.

As well as working as a Paediatrician at the RUH in Bath, Dan is also a co-founder of the Kenyan Orphan Project, a UK charity supporting health, education and social welfare projects for orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya.

Dan has also helped to develop global child health teaching for medical students at the University of Bristol and has lectured extensively at global health conferences around the UK to teach and inspire a new generation of doctors and professionals on the health and protection of children around the world.

Dan said: "It is so humbling to have won the BMJ Junior Doctor of the Year. Working hard to improve the health and lives of children in the UK and in developing countries, is something in which I believe passionately and I must pay tribute to my friends and colleagues who work with me. Both as a Paediatrician in the RUH and in our work in Africa, this recognition means a great deal, and is a wonderful acknowledgement for all those working towards a better world for children."

Two of Dan's colleagues at the RUH pay their tributes. Dr Bernie Marden, Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist, says: "Dan contributes to paediatrics in so many different ways, whether it be running an undergraduate course on international childhood diseases, to his charitable work with the Kenyan Orphan Project. But I know Dan best as a hardworking, enthusiastic paediatric trainee who always gives 110% - he's truly outstanding."

Dr Stephen Jones, Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist and Clinical Lead for Paediatrics at the RUH, says: "Dan is an exceptional doctor and human being and it's a real privilege to work with him. He's the kind of person you only meet once or twice in your life."

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