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Press Release

RUH Registrar shortlisted for Junior Doctor of the Year Award

Dr Dan Magnus, a Paediatric Registrar at the Royal United Hospital, has been shortlisted as one of just three finalists for the *British MedicalJournal (BMJ) Junior Doctor of the Year* award. This award 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, which will be announced at the BMJ Group award ceremony in London on 18 May 2011.

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: "I only realised that my wife Kerri (a Senior Nurse in the RUH Emergency Department) had nominated me for the award when the BMJ Group contacted me to let me know that I had been shortlisted as one of the three finalists from more than 600 nominees. I didn't even believe it as first but I was both shocked and delighted when I realised that it was true.

"When you work hard for something you passionately believe in, you don't imagine that there will be any reward or acknowledgement. I've been focused on our work in Africa and in promoting the cause of children's rights to a better life for ten years now, and this acknowledgement means a great deal.

"I would be so pleased to win the award but am honoured just to be shortlisted, and it will spur me on to work even harder."

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