

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you the remarkable story of the 100th child in Scotland to receive a kidney from a living donor and details a medical student's prestigious award win.

Teenager given kidney by his mother helps surgeons reach transplant milestone

A 15-year-old boy has become the 100th child in Scotland to receive a kidney from a living donor.

Stephen Gallacher received the organ from his mother Cheryl in a transplant operation lasting just over four hours at Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Children on Wednesday.

This good news story about the Royal Hospital for Children is being showcased in the national media today. Find out more about this remarkable family here: [Click here to read the full story.](#)

Fourth year medical student is top of the class

A promising young medical student from the University of Glasgow has won the city's prestigious St Mungo's research medal in recognition for his work on frail patients in the intensive care unit (ICU) and their chance of survival.

David Hewitt, a fourth year medical student beat off stiff competition to win the prestigious award at the 2019 St Mungo's research meeting at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

David's research looked at the link between a person's chance of survival in relation to how frail they were when admitted to ICU.

David, who is originally from Aberdeen but now lives in Glasgow, said: "Frailty is not just about mobility but covers a whole range of things. It's really about a person's ability to cope with everyday activities and their reserve against disease, trauma and infection. [Click here to read more.](#)

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