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OBE Honour

Dear Editor,

May I take the opportunity through your columns to thank everyone in Paediatric Dentistry for their help, support and encouragement over the years. I was the fortunate one to be given an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List but see this as a collective award to everyone in the UK involved with Paediatric Dentistry – truly a team effort. In fact, on a scale to match the England Rugby team, who were also given an award. We are in good company!

This is the first time that Paediatric Dentistry has been recognized in this way and is very definitely a 'coming of age' for the Specialty. Many people have been involved in achieving this accolade. They are too numerous and it would be invidious to mention them by name, but all Consultants, Specialists and Trainees deserve particular thanks and congratulations.

However, it is ultimately our patients who make our professional lives so rewarding, – and such fun; to them a particular thank you and the very best of wishes for 2004 and the future.

Yours sincerely

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