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Mercy man: Keith Thomson takes aid to West Africa

Doctor has helped to change lives in [Africa](#)

A doctor who treated victims of the [King's Cross](#) Tube station fire in 1987 that killed 31 people has been nominated to carry the torch by his secretary.

Keith Thomson, a UCH-trained consultant anaesthetist, has helped thousands in west Africa, working for 20 years on Mercy Ships, carrying medicine and aid.

The 63-year-old, married with two children and living in Ascot, describes himself as in "pretty good nick" to carry the 2012 flame. He is currently in training for the [Basingstoke](#) half marathon.

He was nominated by his secretary, Lorraine, for "undertaking often complex anaesthesia for life-changing surgery on poor people on board a Mercy Ship". She added that he had also "encouraged, helped and sponsored other medical professionals".

Dr Thomson said: "The Olympics will be fantastic for London ... Hopefully it will create a lot of jobs."