I’m writing this report as my final year of my MA in Music Therapy is coming to an end. The bursary has helped me greatly towards the cost of personal therapy, which has been extremely important for my development as a person and a therapist. In addition to this, the bursary allowed me to buy a book which was not available from any library, and which was important for my final year project. The bursary also helped towards my travel expenses, as I commuted to my University and placement every week.

This final year has been incredibly informative and I feel that I have grown a lot as a therapist. My placement in dementia care has been a very positive experience, as it allowed me to work with a new client group and put new musical skills into practice. I also gained some knowledge on neuroscience in relation to music therapy and dementia, and this gave me a new perspective on the way I see my clinical work. The help and feedback that I received from my supervisors both at placement and at University was extremely supportive. The University lectures have been very different from the previous years, as they have focused more on how to devise research proposals and on microanalysis. I found the topics very interesting, and I feel that the University has given me the appropriate skills to carry out academic research in the future, if the opportunity occurs.

As regards my future career plans, I really enjoyed working with people with dementia at my placement, and I would like to carry on with this line of work after graduation in July.