## Dear Nicola Barton,

I am writing to you to thank you for the continued support that the Music Therapy Charity has given me during my studies. Much has changed for all of us over the last few months and without your help I would be finding things far more difficult.

Over the course of this year I have been on placement at Charterhouse where I have worked with some of the residents. Since the lockdown began my placement sadly came to an end and I was forced to move out of London to relatives in Bristol where I continued my studies online. I have now finished my course and have been awarded a merit.

I have started a few initiatives through my company Flat Pack Music during lockdown. I started with a weekly live singalong session on Wednesdays at 2pm on the Flat Pack Music Facebook page. This is called Isolation Vocalisation and is aimed at over 70s and those living with dementia. We are also hosting a different musician every Friday at 2pm for a mini concert. This is to keep committed to bringing music to a wider audience.

A few months ago I did a video interview for a post as a Music Therapist with MHA Care homes in Manchester and I was successful. I have moved to Greater Manchester and am looking forward to starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Thank you again for your support during my studies,

Kind regards, Heather Heighway