Dear NZIS,

Thank you for your continued support this year. The funding and time commitment by yourself and on behalf of NZISM to support the hospital with the continuing education initiative has directly benefited my program of study. Below is a brief summary of my study pathway and what has inspired me to persue additional qualifications.

Over the last five years, I have been with the Clinical Applications Team at BOPDHB. Clinical applications relate to specialty software implementations that function principally to support clinicians and support staff providing patient care. Without the proper support, clinicians and support providers often fall short of their desired outcomes. The skillset of an IT systems analyst can greatly improve implementation and outcomes of change by working as a liaison between stake holders to ensure expectations are achieved. As part of my role I function as an IT systems analyst, I am responsible for helping clinicians realise the potential of clinical applications. This is often accomplished either through the purchase of new software or through changes within existing software.

I am personally committed to making a positive contribution to the delivery of health care in our DHB. The key attributes of a systems analysist align with my desire to improve partnerships between IT, clinicians and support providers. This year, I am grateful to be the recipient of the learning scholarship award; with thanks to my sponsors who generously contributed to funding the program and to the board who found interest in my application. The proceeds from this award will afford me the opportunity to complete my graduate diploma of information sciences with endorsement in information systems extramurally through Massey University this year. As a result of this achievement, I will enhance my systems analysis skillset with proven modern methodologies practiced in information systems management. I am confident this learning combined alongside fourteen years of IT experience will serve as strong foundation for system analysis services between IT and the service providers resulting in consistently achieved outcomes and higher satisfaction from IT initiatives.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Carroll