## **RDS NW grant writing expertise video transcript**

Welcome to one of a series of short videos highlighting the advice expertise of the NIHR Research Design Service North West.

We meet with people with a range of experience in writing grant applications.

We tailor our advice to fit the needs of the people we work with.

The more experienced people might come to us for advice with one element of their application.

For others, we may support them from the beginning of their research development, advising on their research question, helping to identify the most appropriate funding stream, how to build a strong research team, and how to structure their proposal to fit the funders requirements.

The NIHR alone has several funding streams.

We can advise you on which funding stream is most appropriate to the research question.

And we can also advise on non-NIHR funding streams, as long as they meet our eligibility criteria.

It is essential that the research team have all the expertise needed to deliver the study.

We can help you identify any skills gaps you may have in your team and help you find collaborators to fill them.

It is important that your proposal is written in plain English and is structured so that the research design is easy to understand.

As well as advising on the structure of a grant application as it developed, we can offer a critical read of a proposal to ensure that it is clear to someone not in the research team.

If you would like to apply for free advice from the Research Design Service North West or would like further information then please visit the Research Design Service North West website.