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RDS NW client video transcript

My name is Fiona Rowe, I'm a Senior Lecturer and NIHR Fellow at the University of Liverpool and my primary research interest is visual impairment following a stroke and acquired brain injury.

I found out information about the Research Design Service through the NIHR website. My Fellowship is a five year programme of research looking at the impact of visual impairment on stroke. The Research Design Service looked at the content of the proposal; they also provided information about research design and about use of mixed methodology.

Once it was decided that Fiona was going to go for an NIHR Fellowship I was asked to advise because I had previously advised on Fellowship applications. One of the things that I did do was to do a critical read with the panel members' view points in mind.

The Research Design Service provided a lot of support and that included independent appraisal of the proposal as well as advice on methodology. My current application for NIHR funding is looking at ways in which we assess the field of vision and ways in which we can look at the results. The RDS particularly looked at the lay section and the scientific sections for the application.

Fiona first came to us for advice on which NIHR funding stream to apply for and subsequently to that I've acted as a critical friend and read through her application with a non specialist eye.

I would definitely use the Research Design Service again particularly for their independent advice.

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