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I have a long-standing and strong commitment to the development of the profession of social work, and of social work research, education, and training. I was awarded my PhD in 2003, and in 2008 I was appointed Professor of Social Work. For 18 years I have been responsible for the planning and preparation of our research, training and programme bids, and then the management of them if successful. I am chair of my professional association's publications Board. I have published 30 books/book chapters, 19 refereed articles, and undertaken 17 funded research projects.

## Research output

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14/06/18 → 14/10/20

**Building a comparative perspective on media representation of social work: the first step**

Littlechild, B., Dwyer, A. & Ramon, S.

International Association of Schools of Social Work

1/05/15 → 1/10/15

**Children with disabilities and their families**

Littlechild, B. & Fearn, D.

Luton Borough Council

15/09/08 → 15/02/09

**Children's Participation**

Littlechild, B. & Sender, H.

Hertfordshire County Council

1/11/04 → 1/04/05

**BUIBRI: Co-applicant/Steering Group member, ERASMUS +, Building Bridges between Europe and China to Strengthen the Social Work Profession, 2018- 2012**

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**Erasmus +: Co-applicant/Steering Group member, successful bid to EU's ERASMUS +, Building Bridges between Europe and China to Strengthen the Social Work Profession, 2018- 2012, 130.000 € (University of Hertfordshire sum). Lead applicant, successful bid to EU's ERASMUS +, Comparative social work between Nigeria and UK, 2018- 2011, 33.000 €**  
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**Community survey**

Green, R. & Littlechild, B.  
Riversmead Housing Association  
1/05/09 → 30/10/09

**Empowering LGT young people against violence: a P2P model**

Ramon, S. & Littlechild, B.  
European Commission (EC) - Horizon 2020  
1/09/13 → 30/08/15

**Empowering women in context of Mental Health**

Ramon, S. & Littlechild, B.  
European Commission (EC) - Horizon 2020  
1/03/11 → 28/02/13

**SCRiPT: Enhancing research capacity in adult social care in the East of England: testing the feasibility of Research in Practice Teams (The SCRiPT study)**

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NIHR - National Institute for Health Research - Clinical Research Network (CRN) East of England  
1/06/21 → 31/05/24

**SCRiPT - Shaping our Lives: Enhancing service user involvement**

Almack, K., Lynch, J., Littlechild, B., Yeung, E. Y. W. & Warrener, J.  
1/04/21 → 31/03/24

**European Masters Programme in Recovery and Social Inclusion**

Littlechild, B. & Ramon, S.  
European Commission (EC) - Horizon 2020  
1/03/12 → 28/02/15

**DAP: Evaluating the use of electronic simulation dolls to assess parenting capacity [DAP]**

Whiting, L., Littlechild, B. & Petty, J.  
1/01/20 → 31/07/24

**Evaluation of Connexions service**

Littlechild, B.  
Connexions (UK) Plc  
1/04/02 → 31/03/03

**Exploring the value of mental health service users in mental health research: a participatory research approach,**

Littlechild, B. & Munt, C.  
1/11/22 → 31/07/23

**Hertfordshire Young People's Research Advisory Group (YPAG)**

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6/09/21 → ...

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Ramon, S. & Littlechild, B.

NIHR - National Institute for Health and Research  
1/03/11 → 28/02/14

**Learning Difficulties and Physical Disabilities**

Littlechild, B.  
Hertfordshire County Council  
1/12/07 → 31/03/08

**Provision of Youth Services/facilities in London**

Littlechild, B.  
Greater London Assembly  
7/11/06 → 27/11/06

**Recovery Focus in Mental Health Services - England**

Littlechild, B. & Ramon, S.  
NIHR - National Institute for Health and Research  
1/01/09 → 31/12/13

**Recovery Research**

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Hertfordshire County Council  
1/03/08 → 31/03/08

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The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)  
1/04/05 → 30/09/05

**Supporting and Educating Mothers with Eating Disorders**

Buckroyd, J., Buckenham, M. & Littlechild, B.  
HertNet  
16/01/03 → 30/09/05

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Littlechild, B.  
Hertfordshire County Council  
1/02/13 → 31/03/14

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1/11/08 → 31/10/09

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3/12/19 → 31/01/23

**Youth Justice Ethnicity Research**

Littlechild, B. & Sender, H.  
Hertfordshire County Council  
1/04/05 → 31/03/06

**'Prospective Hazard Analysis and Human Factors approaches in the NHS'**

Littlechild, B.  
10/08/15 → 13/09/16

**Activities****Social Work and Social Policy in England**

Brian Littlechild (Speaker)  
15 Oct 2018

**UK Joint University Council Social Work Research Committee, Research Strategy 2018 – 2028**

Brian Littlechild (Speaker)  
22 Sept 2018

**Children and Families across Borders (External organisation)**

Brian Littlechild (Chair)  
21 Jan 2018 → 20 Jan 2023

**SAGE Publications (Publisher)**

Brian Littlechild (Peer reviewer)  
2011 → 2012

**Palgrave Macmillan (Publisher)**

Brian Littlechild (Editorial board member)  
2010 → 2013

**International social work (ISW) (Journal)**

Brian Littlechild (Editorial board member)  
2006 → 2014

**Pearson Education (Publisher)**

Brian Littlechild (Peer reviewer)  
2006 → 2011

**British Journal of Social Work (Journal)**

Brian Littlechild (Editorial board member)  
2004 → 2015