

Brian Littlechild

Professor Brian Littlechild PhD, Associate Head of School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, University of Hertfordshire, is a qualified social worker. Working as a social worker/senior practitioner for 7 years in various local authorities, Brian specialized in work with children, young people and their families, and people with mental health problems. He then worked as a social worker at the Institute of Family Psychiatry. He was a manager in local authorities for 4 years, as a Project Leader in a Youth Justice Centre and as a Team Leader in a Child Protection team.

He has published 17 Refereed Journal Articles, including “Working with aggressive and violent parents in Child Protection social work”, *Practice*, 2003; “The Stresses Arising from Violence, Threats and Aggression Against Child Protection Social Workers”, 2005, *Journal of Social Work*; “The Nature and Effects of Violence against Child-Protection Social Workers: Providing Effective Support”, (2005) *British Journal of Social Work*, and “Child Protection Social Work: Risks of Fears and Fears of Risks – Impossible Tasks from Impossible Goals?” (2008), in *Social Policy & Administration*.

He has published 12 books, and 13 book chapters, including Littlechild, B. and Bourke, C. Men’s use of violence and intimidation against family members and child protection workers. In Humphreys, C., and Stanley, N. (eds), “Domestic violence and child protection: directions for good practice”, Jessica Kingsley publishers, London, 2006, and Social Work with Involuntary Clients in Child Protection Work. In *The Carrot or the Stick? Towards effective Practice with Involuntary Clients in Safeguarding Child Work*, Edited by Martin Calder, Russell House Publishing, 2008, and Simpson, G. and Littlechild, B. ‘International aspects of social work with children, young people and families’ (2009) In *Introducing International Social Work*, Lawrence, Set al. (eds), Learning Matters, Exeter

He has held 20 Research Grants including: for Hertfordshire County Council, Domestic Violence: Definition, Incidence and Interagency working in Hertfordshire: for the Youth Justice Board, The development of preventive programmes for young offenders; for Hertfordshire County Council, Evaluation of NCH’s family support service for over 10s; for Hertfordshire County Council: The Introduction of a restorative justice approach in residential childcare; for Hertfordshire County Council: Children and young people’s participation in agency decision-making; for the NSPCC: The implementation of Restorative Justice approaches in residential young people’s units ; for Hertfordshire County Council: The needs of parents & their children with disabilities; EU Daphne Project, Domestic Violence & Mental Health.

Brian is also a Consultant to the Council of Europe on Social Exclusion, Education, and Youth Offending. He has run over 300 consultancies/training days on dealing with violence, resistance and staff safety in Social Services and Probation Services.