When Talking About Children who are Victims of Sexual Exploitation

Remember that:

- Exploitation is abuse, not a lifestyle choice
- Children cannot consent to being abused
- Children haven’t put themselves at risk - they have been abused
- A child over 16 is still a child and can still be exploited and abused

Language is Important:

- Perpetrators of exploitation are not boyfriends or girlfriends of victims
- Children are not in relationships with those who are abusing them
- Children are not promiscuous, they are victims of abuse