

# 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