



Strategic Partnership Boards
SAFETY SAFEGUARDING WELLBEING



Bitesize video guide: Language Matters

This are profound statements and professionals have used to describe victims of child sexual exploitation.

The language you use matters.

It affects how people see us.

It makes us feel that what's been done to us is our fault.

And it makes us feel less of a person.

Professionals need to recognize our vulnerability.

We want you to see us as children and as victims.

The only person that should be blamed is the perpetrator.

We depend on you professionals to keep us safe.

Negative language reinforces negative attitudes to victims of exploitations.

And negative attitudes leads to systematic failures to protect us.

Helping us starts with the language you use, so choose it carefully.

Thank you