

Inappropriate term or stigma	Suggested alternatives
Putting themselves at risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child may have been groomed. • The child is at an increased vulnerability to being abused/exploited. • A Perpetrator may exploit the child's increased Vulnerability. • Situation could reduce the child's safety. • Location/situation could increase a perpetrators opportunity to abuse them. • Child in not in a protective environment. • The location is dangerous to children. • Not clear if the child is under duress to go missing. • Concerns are that the child may be being sexually abused. • It is unclear why the child is getting into cars. • Concern that there is a power imbalance forcing the child to act in this way. • Concerns regarding others Influences on the child.
Sexual activity with...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have been sexually abused. • They have been raped. • Allegation of sexual abuse. • Child has described sexual activity, but concerns exist that the child may have been groomed or coerced.
Sexually active since (Age under 13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns exist that child may have been coerced, exploited, or sexually abused. • Child may have been sexually abused or raped.
Have been contacting adult Males/females via phone or internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult males/females have been contacting the child. • Child may have been groomed. • Concerns that the adult is facilitating commination with a child. • Child is vulnerable to online perpetrators. • Concerns that others may be using online technology to access or abuse the child. • Adults appear to be using a range of methods to communicate with the child.
Offering her drugs in return for sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child is being sexually exploited. • Concerns that the child has been raped. • Perpetrators are sexually abusing the child. • The child is being sexually abused. • The child's vulnerability regarding drug use is being used by others to abuse them. • The perpetrators have a hold over the child by the fact that they have a drug dependency.
Involved in CSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child is vulnerable to being sexually exploited or they are being sexually exploited. <p>A 5-year-old would never be referred to as being involved in sexual abuse for the same reasons.</p>
Promiscuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young women who have been raped or who have experienced CSE. <p>This puts the blame on the child, implies they know what may be happening, and is not seen as exploitative or abusive. Often used to describe female behaviour.</p>
Prostituting themselves	<p>This completely misses that the child is being controlled/manipulated.</p>

	Changes in legislation have meant that child prostitution is no longer an acceptable term and should never be used.
Boyfriend/girlfriend	Children have been challenged in court with practitioner's recordings where their practitioner has referred to the perpetrator as the child's boyfriend or girlfriend.