



## The BBC and Inaccurate Headlines

This article was tweeted at EVB by [@wildwalkerwoman](#) It feels like I read an inaccurate headline like this from the BBC daily since i started following EVB on twitter.

Eight people were not brought before the magistrates on "child sex charges". They were brought up on charges of child rape, sexual assault, inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, and engaging in sexual assault in the presence of a child.

It is utterly reprehensible to use "child sex" since sex requires consent and a child can never consent. It is child rape and child sexual abuse.

Inaccurate and misleading headlines such as these help perpetuate rape myths and make it more difficult for rape victims to get a conviction.

The BBC needs to do better.

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### Eight appear at Norwich magistrates on child sex charges

**Four men and four women have appeared before Norwich magistrates charged with sexual offences against five children aged under 13.**

The defendants, who cannot be named for legal reasons, range in age from 31 to 63 and are from Norwich and Romford.

The charges relate to 76 offences alleged to have taken place between 2004 and 2010 in Norwich and Romford.

The defendants were bailed and will next appear at Norwich Crown Court on 27 February.

The alleged offences include rape, sexual assault, inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child and assault.

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