

8. The language we use

We exist to support anyone affected by ovarian cancer, so it's important that the language we use is inclusive of everyone in this group. We want every person living with ovarian cancer, as well as their friends and family, to feel that our resources are relevant and useful to them.

We want our information materials to be as clear as possible to everyone affected by the disease. This is why we use plain English in our materials and explain any medical terms.

We use gender-neutral language where we can, such as people with ovarian cancer. This is so that we are including women *and* anyone else who was assigned female at birth who could be at risk of developing ovarian cancer in their lifetime.

We do use some gendered terms like women and female where necessary, for example in quoting statistics and research, or when describing reproductive systems.

We provide our B.E.A.T. awareness raising materials in six community languages: Arabic, Bengali, Gujarati, Polish, Punjabi and Urdu. Translations of our materials are available on request. You can call our community language support lines on the following numbers.

Arabic: 0121 647 6630
Bengali: 0121 647 6631
Gujarati: 0121 647 6632
Polish: 0121 647 6633
Punjabi: 0121 647 6634
Urdu: 0121 647 6635

We can also offer a British sign language interpreter for support videocalls and online events.