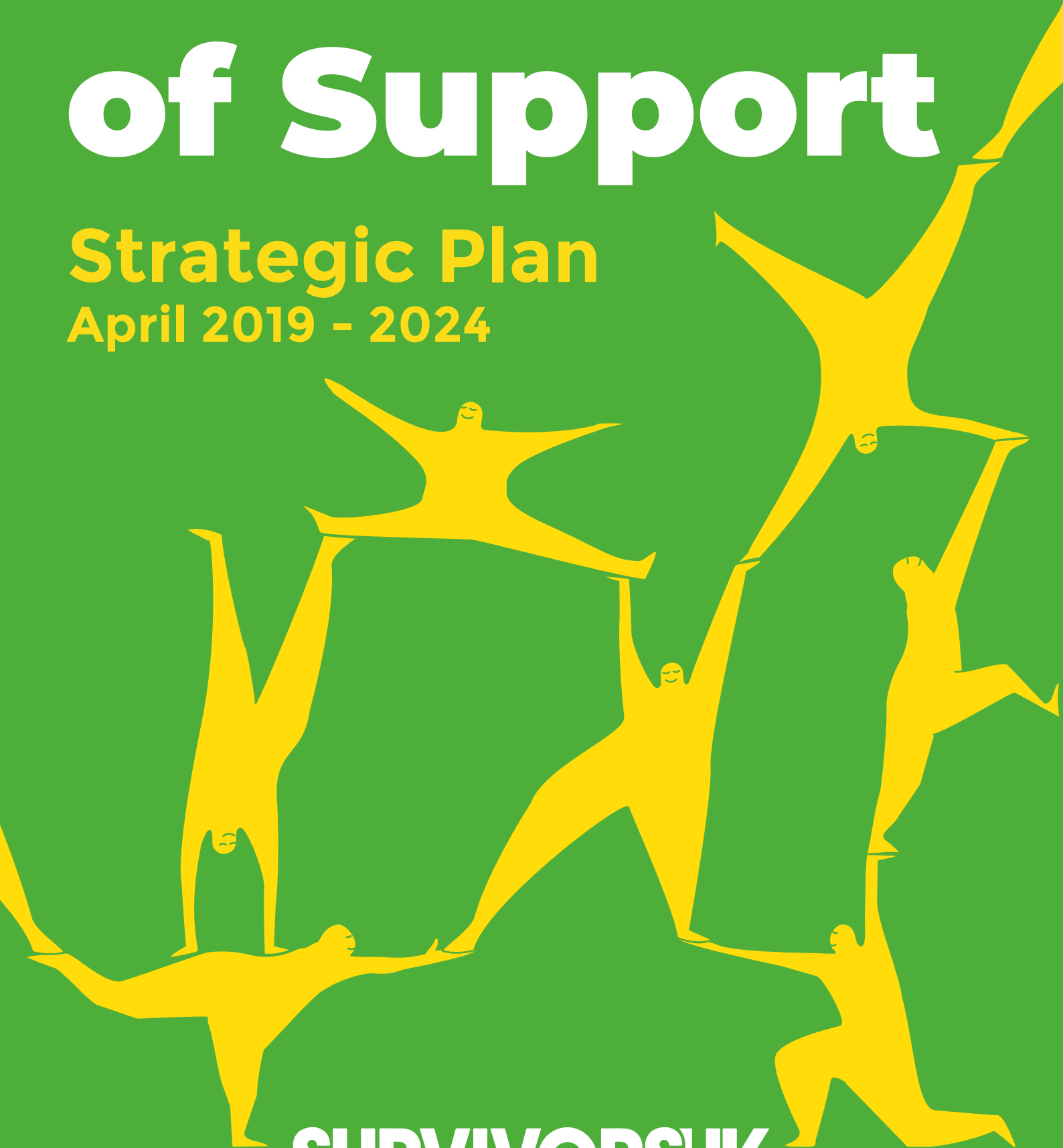


# The Future of Support

Strategic Plan  
April 2019 - 2024



**SURVIVORSUK**  
male rape and sexual abuse



# OUR VISION

**EVERY VICTIM/  
SURVIVOR OF  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE\*,  
REGARDLESS OF  
GENDER IDENTITY,  
IS EMPOWERED TO  
SPEAK OUT AND  
SEEK SUPPORT.**

\*We use the phrase 'sexual violence' to recognise that violence can take many forms, not just physical.

# OUR MISSION

SurvivorsUK supports those aged 13+ with male and non-binary identities, or anyone who thinks we are the right fit for them, who have been sexually abused, assaulted or raped. We challenge myths and misunderstandings around sexual violence that affect these victims/survivors, and with them build communities and supportive spaces.

As an organisation based in London, our immediate focus for our face-to-face services is on London communities. However, our campaigns, support services and activities will invariably benefit wider national communities and the public at large, especially as we embrace digital communications and technologies. Further, as we recognise that we work in a field where men and boys may feel disempowered, or be struggling to find support, we pledge to attempt to help wherever we can, and act as an important signposting service. We will never simply turn people away.

We recognise that sexual violence does not occur in a vacuum, and can often be better understood within a context of wider patterns of abuse and power. Consequently some of our work will naturally intersect with other subject areas, such as domestic violence, education on consent and the construction and representation of masculine identities.

We put our beneficiaries front and centre, and endeavour to listen and consult with them to drive our organisation forward and better cater for their needs. We do not claim to be 'experts' - rather we are leading specialists in working with male victims of sexual violence.

# OUR PRACTICE

SurvivorsUK has identified the three pillars which underpin our activities, communications, ethos, operations and identity.

## We SUPPORT

At its core, our organisation will continue to offer services, designed to support our beneficiaries in crucial ways that are not delivered holistically elsewhere. We will continually monitor and develop these services in order to assess and meet the needs of our beneficiaries, and will not fear adaptation, innovation and change. An empowerment approach forms the basis of all our services.

## We CHALLENGE

Our beneficiaries' needs, and the wider context of abuse and power, are not always acknowledged or understood by statutory services, and the general public does not consistently acknowledge their existence. We boldly challenge this invisibility, to raise awareness and ensure better service provision and support in the future.

## We BUILD

The beneficiaries we support often feel isolated, so we connect them with each other in safer spaces, and build physical and online communities. We include friends, families and the general public to build communities of allies and supporters. We focus on cementing and growing our presence into a firm foundation for a genuine movement for support and change.

# OUR VALUES

**COMPASSIONATE**

**INCLUSIVE**

**ADVENTUROUS**

**BOLD**

**COLLABORATIVE**

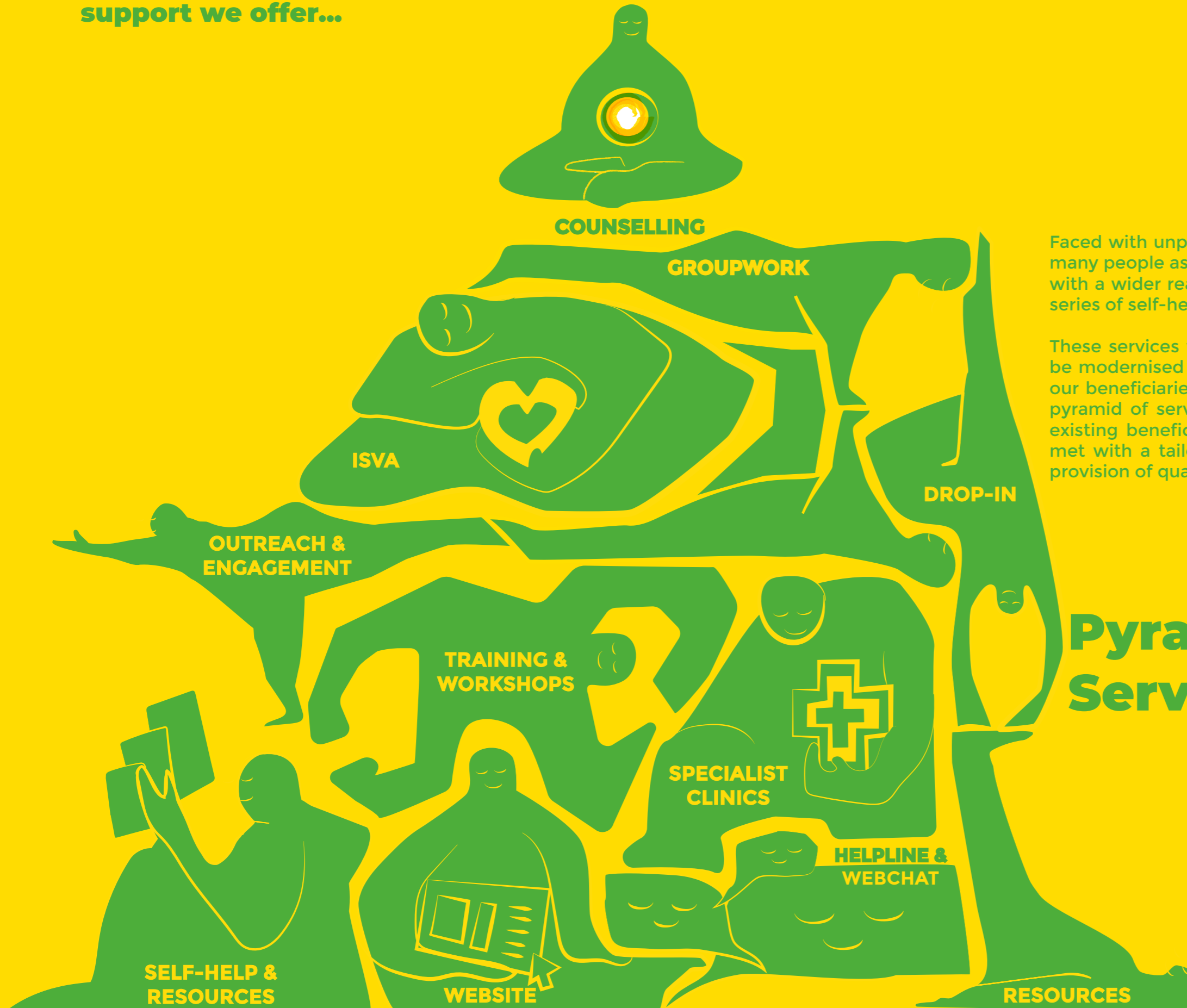
**EMPOWERING**

**OPTIMISTIC**



To reach more people and to broaden the support we offer...

# OUR PLANS

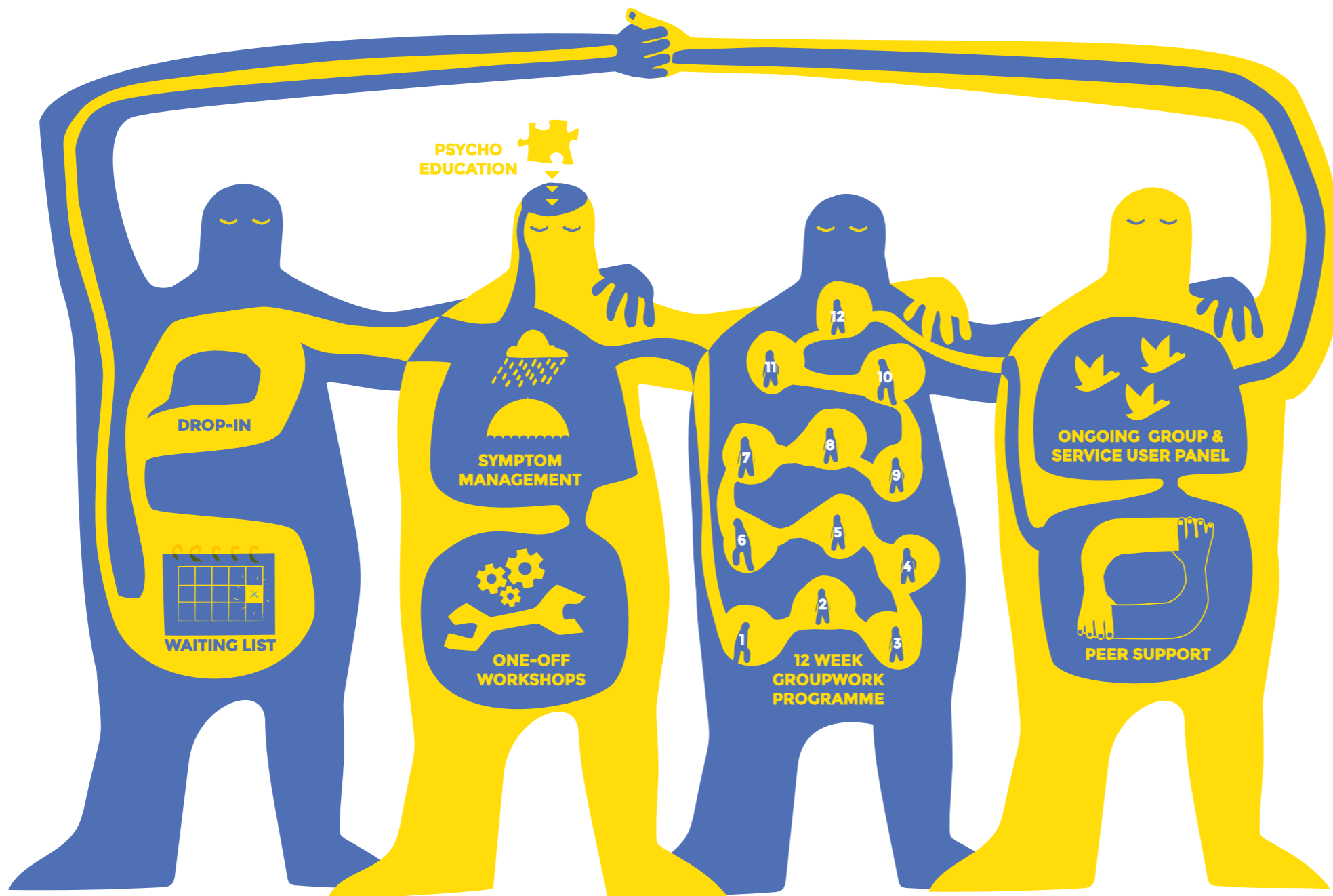


Faced with unprecedented demand, and to continue reaching as many people as possible, we will develop innovative new services with a wider reach. Our plans include the creation of podcasts, a series of self-help factsheets, drop-in services and workshops.

These services will complement our existing services, which will be modernised to make them more flexible and better suited to our beneficiaries' needs. Our ultimate aim is to provide a unified pyramid of services, meaning that the needs of everyone - our existing beneficiaries and those we have yet to reach - can be met with a tailored package of support, without sacrificing the provision of quality, longer-term support that is our benchmark.

## Pyramid of Service Provision

## To begin to create structures of support...



Our successful groupwork pilot will be expanded and extended over the next five years, to create services that everyone can access with minimised waiting times. From initial drop-in support our beneficiaries can progress through one-off group interventions, through our groupwork programme, and onto ongoing and peer support.

A range of additional activities will be planned and established, including social activities, guest speakers, recreational groups and clubs and weekend retreats, to build a sense of community and safety.

### To involve you...

We are nothing without our beneficiaries, and will harness the incredible range of skills and life experiences represented in our organisation in order to plan and build for the future. We will create a beneficiary panel that will help shape our services, use volunteers and community members wherever possible in shaping the delivery of services, and produce a charter, detailing what anyone can expect from SurvivorsUK, and also how they can contribute to our community.



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Whether you have feedback for us, questions about our services or just want to chat, we would love to hear from you. You can call us on 02035983898, email us at [info@survivorsuk.org](mailto:info@survivorsuk.org) or simply visit [survivorsuk.org](http://survivorsuk.org)

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