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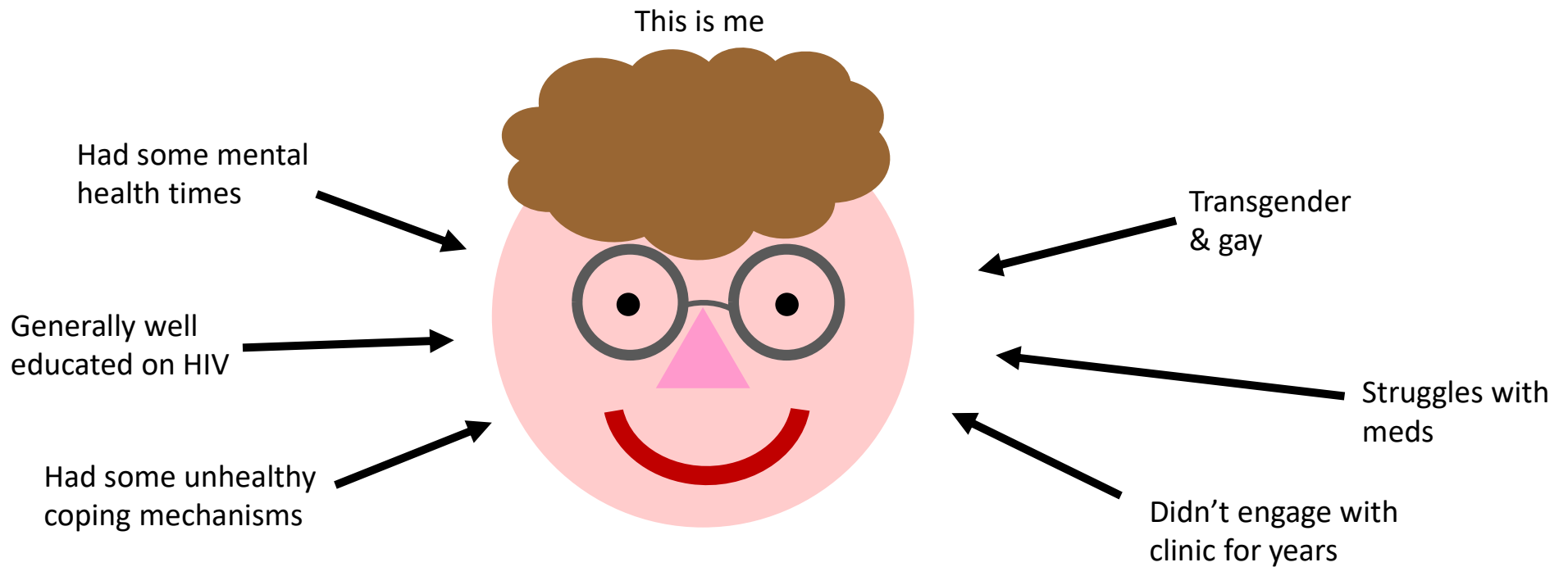
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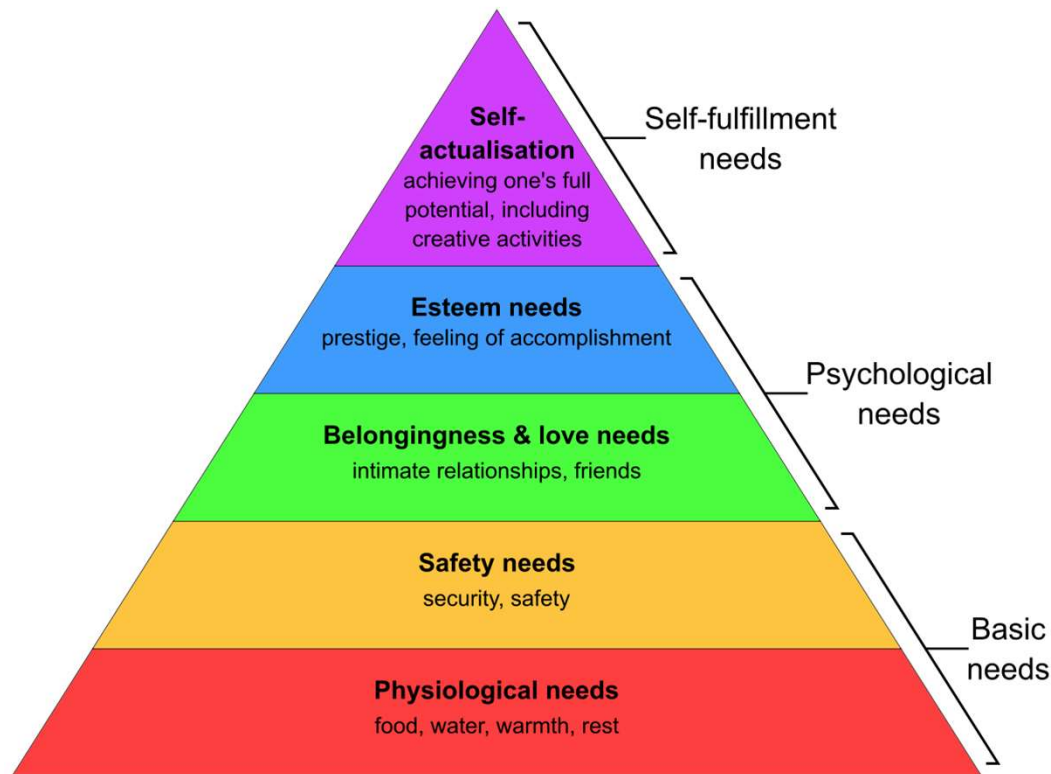
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By Eli Fitzgerald

Is it a case study if it is about yourself?



We can't begin to make progress if our needs aren't met



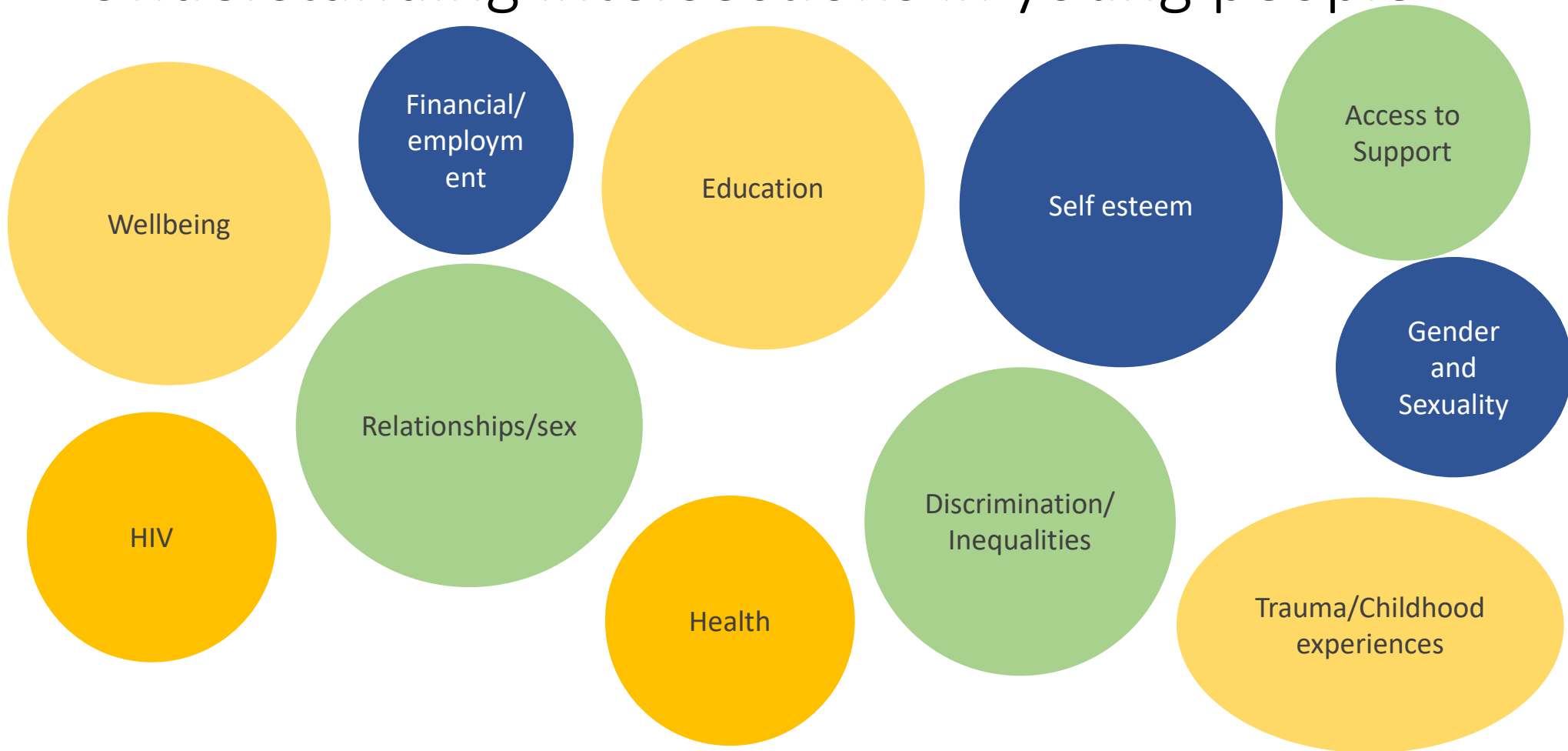
What were my needs:

- Needed urgent access to trans healthcare and gender affirming treatment
- Needed understanding support for mental health
- Needed a non-judgmental space
- Needed Safety and security

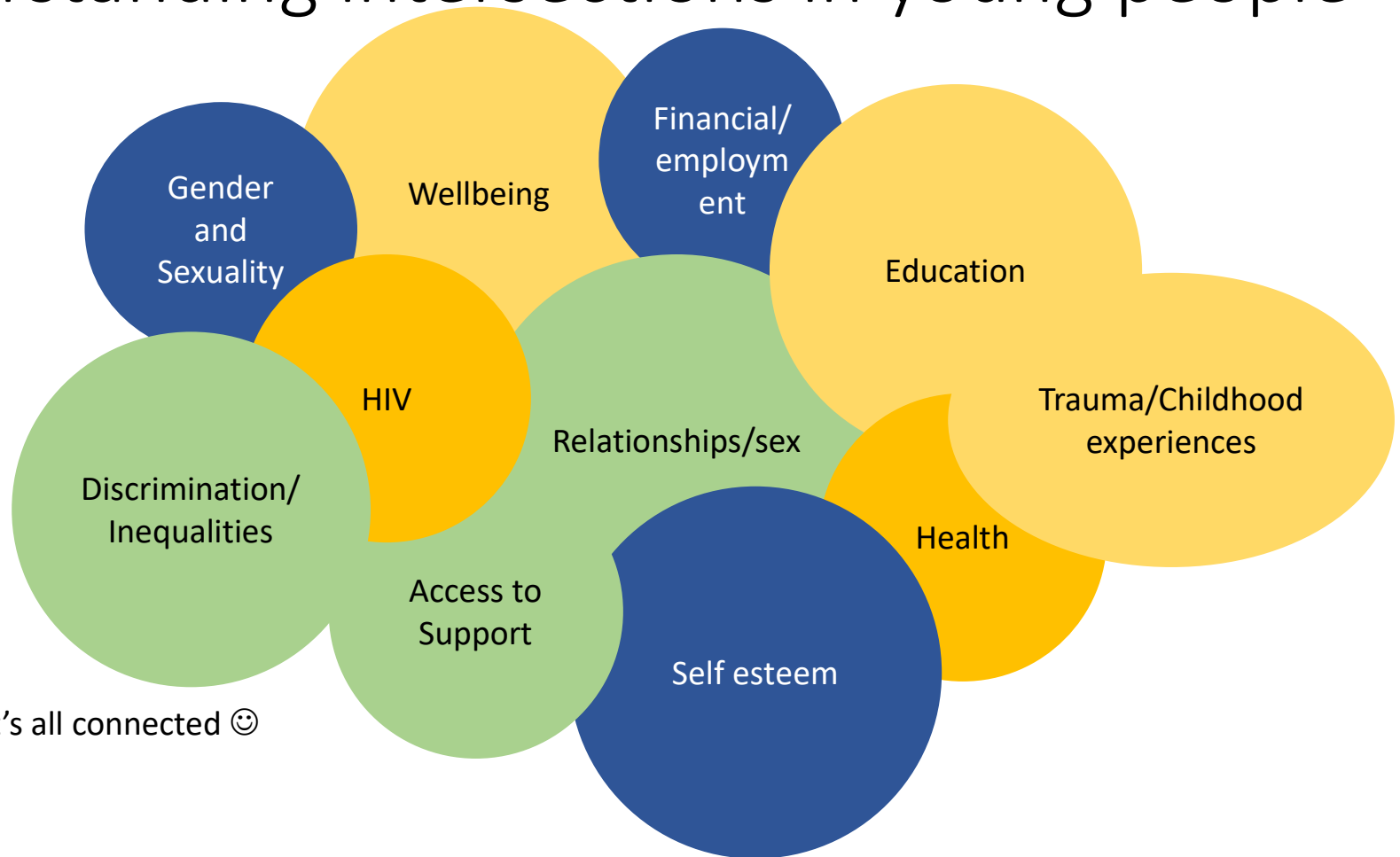
How were my needs *eventually* met

- Attending a young adult clinic – understanding my needs, built a good relationship with medical staff
- Taken on by NHS gender clinic pilot project who understand HIV
- Offered mental health support
- Found myself a sense of purpose and started looking after my own wellbeing

Understanding intersections in young people

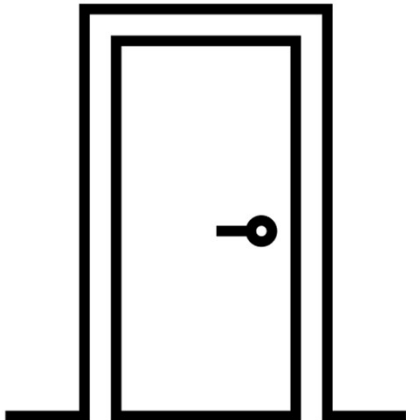


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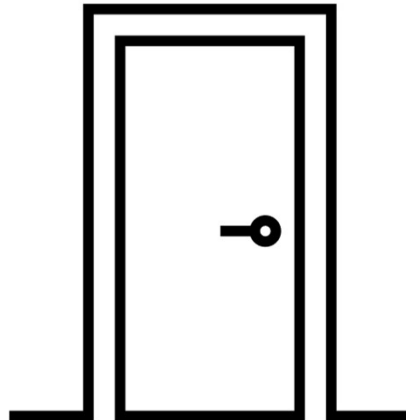


Barriers to care

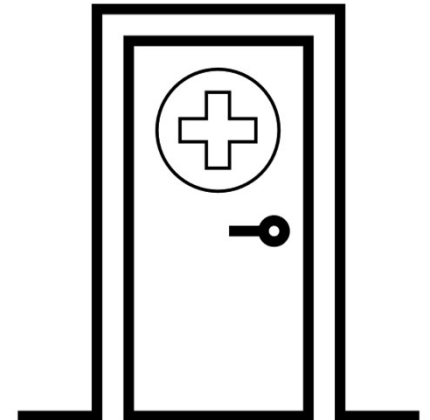
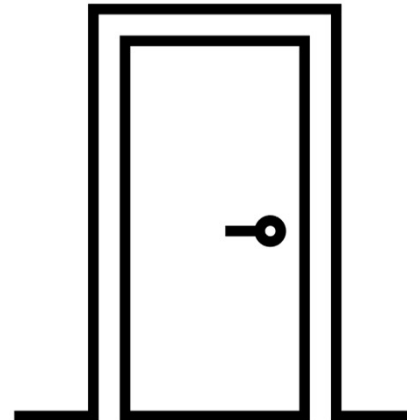
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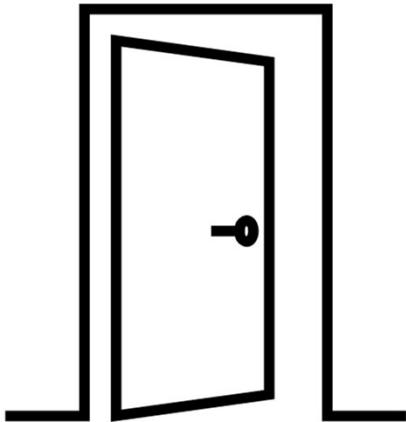


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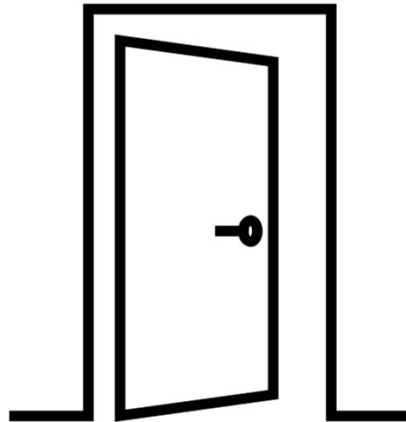


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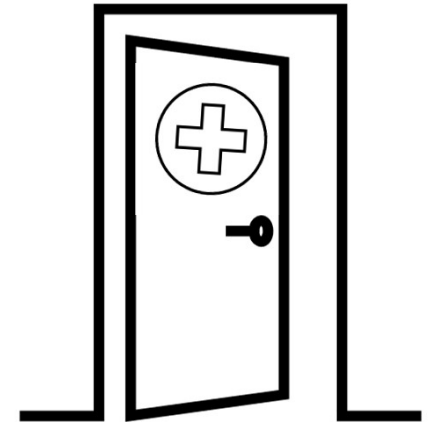
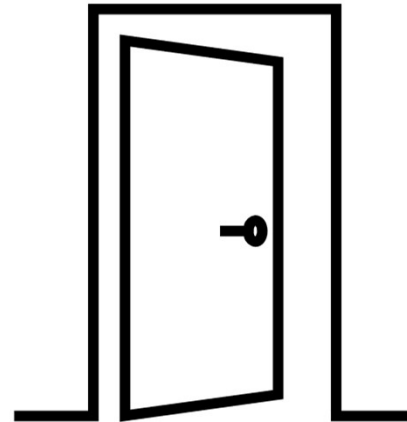
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Remember!

We are with you for the
rest of our lives – so lets
make it a good one

Thank you 😊

If you have a young adult living with HIV who would benefit from peer support, or social activities/workshops with other young adults living with HIV – you can get in touch with **Positively UK's Youth Project** at youth@positivelyuk.org (myself and my wonderful colleague Michelle are always happy to support as much as we can)

Thanks for listening and have a conference 😊