Tackling neglect: the way forward

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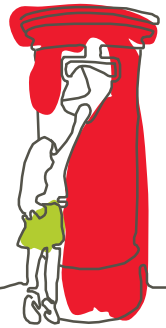

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- At Action for Children safeguarding is central to everything we do
- All of our services address issues of neglect every day
- We must stop offering family support on the one hand and child protection on the other
- Effective work to address neglect crosses this spectrum

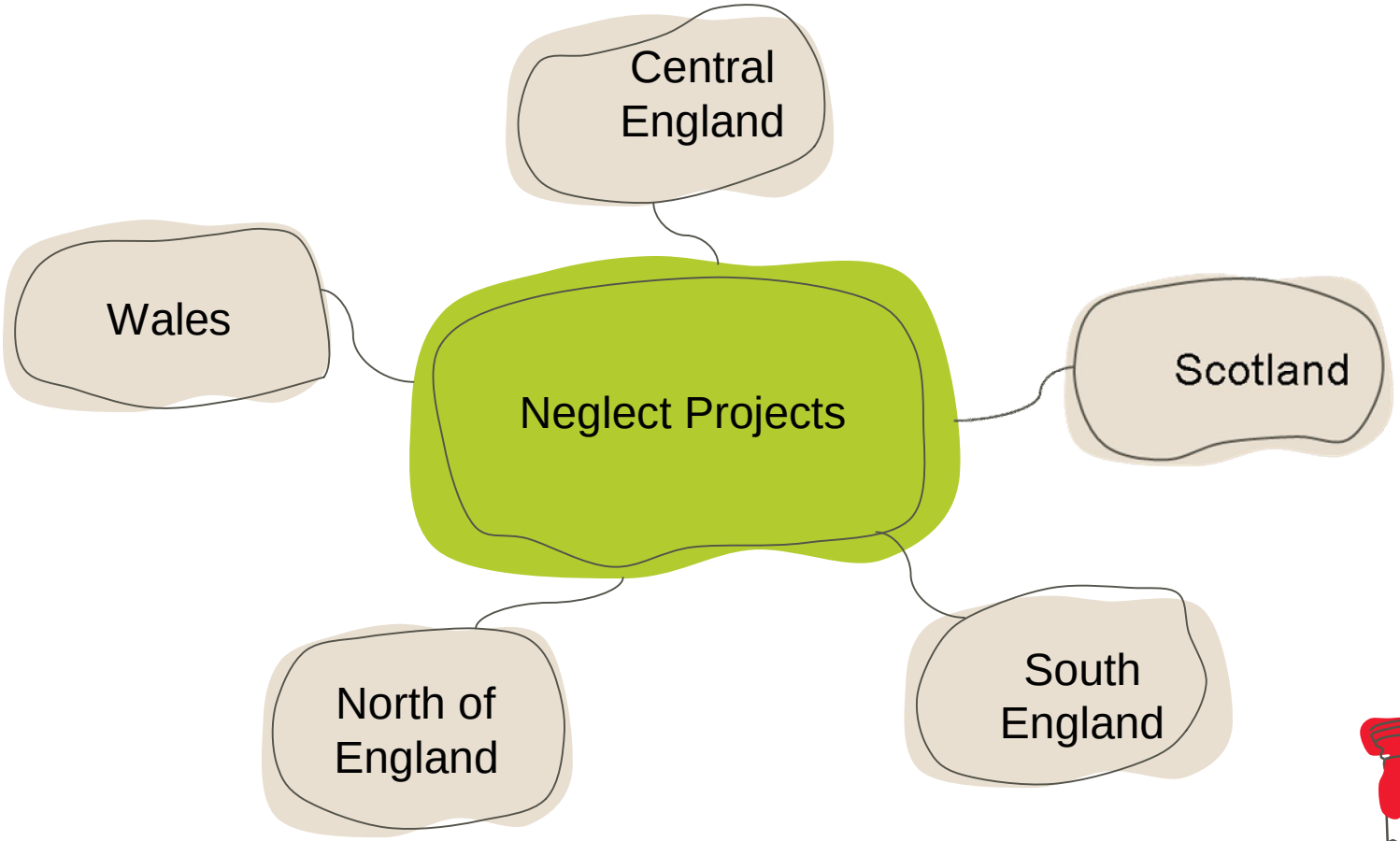
Neglect

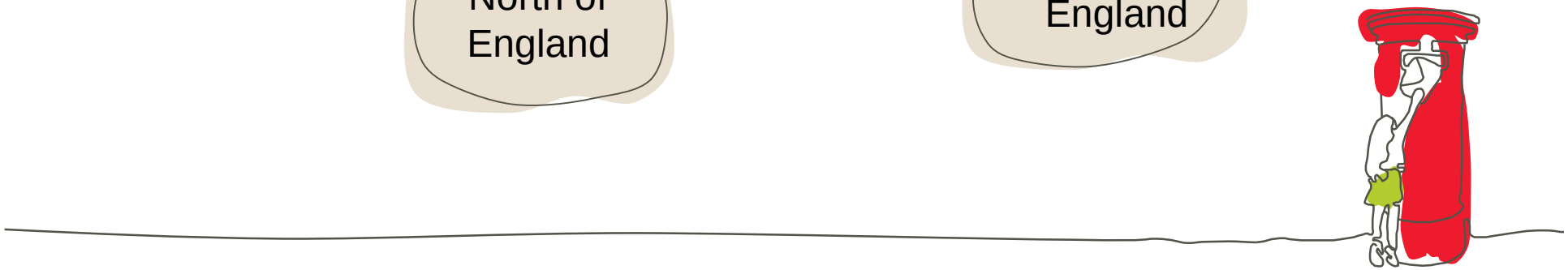
- Neglect is the most prevalent form of child maltreatment in the UK
- In England 45% of children going through child protection proceedings do so on the grounds of neglect

Recent survey of the public

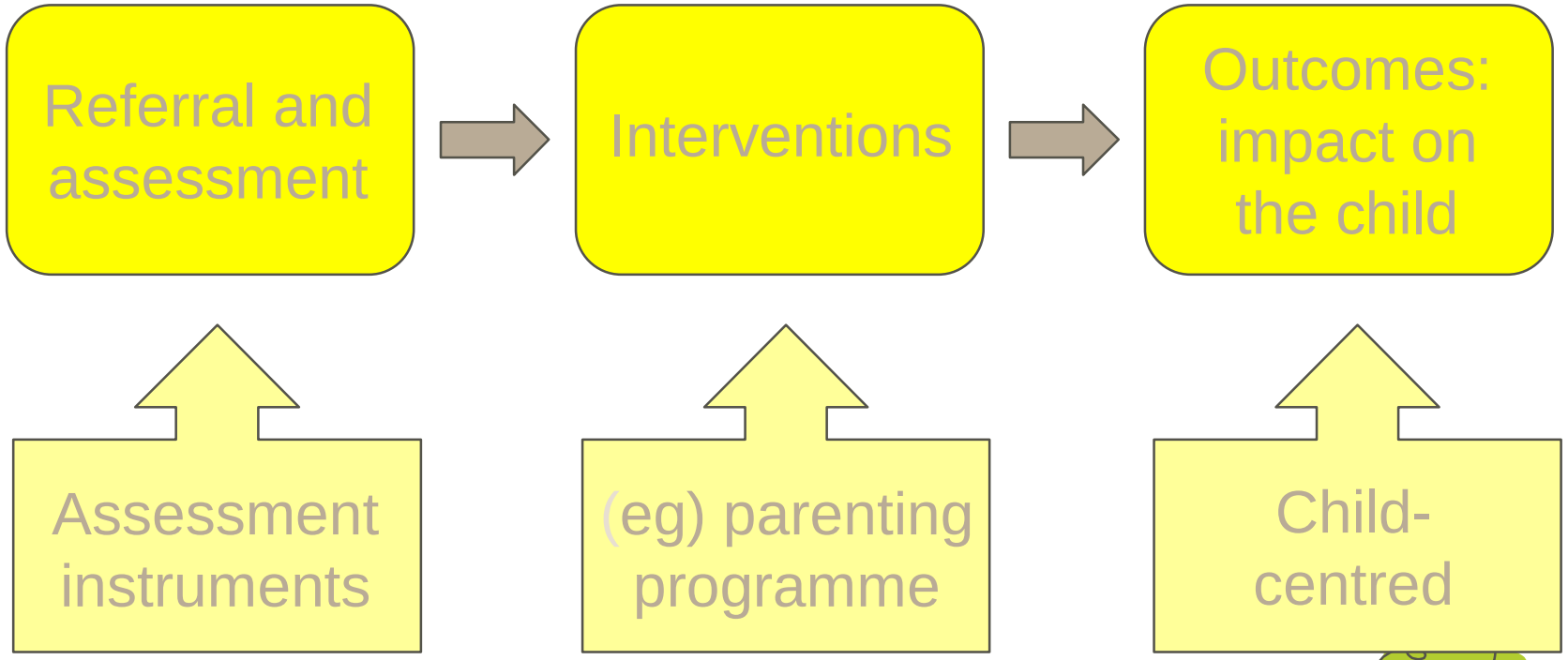
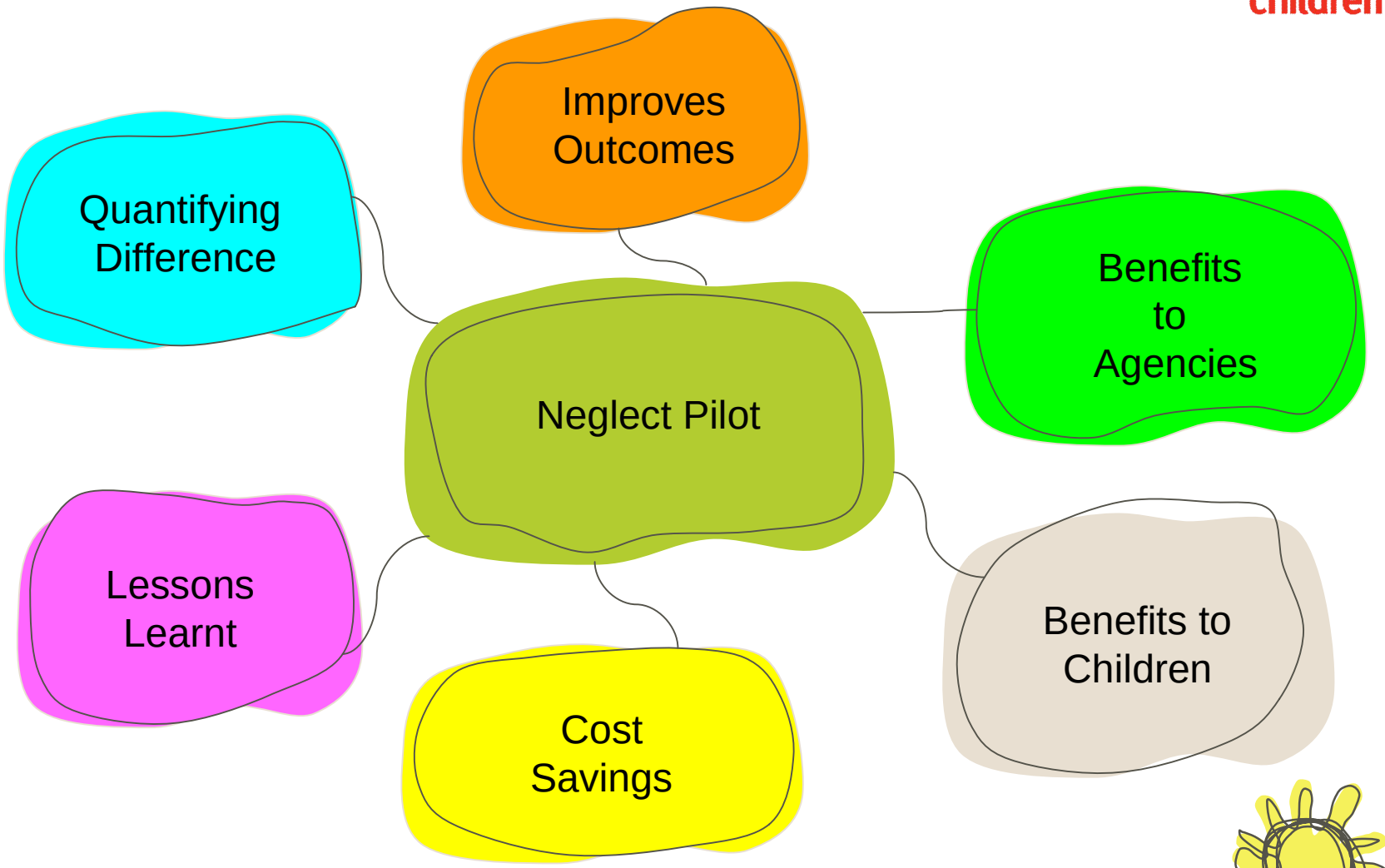
- 25% have been worried about a child being neglected
- Yet 1/3 told no-one
  - Fear of repercussions
  - Not my business
  - Lack of proof
  - Don’t know who to tell

Action for Children neglect project





The cunning plan



What do we hope to find?