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Mental health service provision for adults who are homeless: experiences of front-line service providers

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(findings from research: Mental Health Recovery and Quality of Life for Homeless Adults in the South-East Region of Ireland, 2018.)

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Prevalence of mental illness amongst our homeless population

70% mental illness
243 DOP admissions
yearly.

60% are re-
admissions (H R B
2018).

Challenges

Vulnerable to
victimisation,
entrapment in street
sub-culture, intense
social isolation,
stigma, anxiety, stress
and loneliness.

Exposed both
physically and
emotionally to society
(MHR 2017).

Both service users
and providers in
accessing HSE
Mental Health
Services.

Dearth of research in
Ireland in this area
(Ceannt et al. 2016).



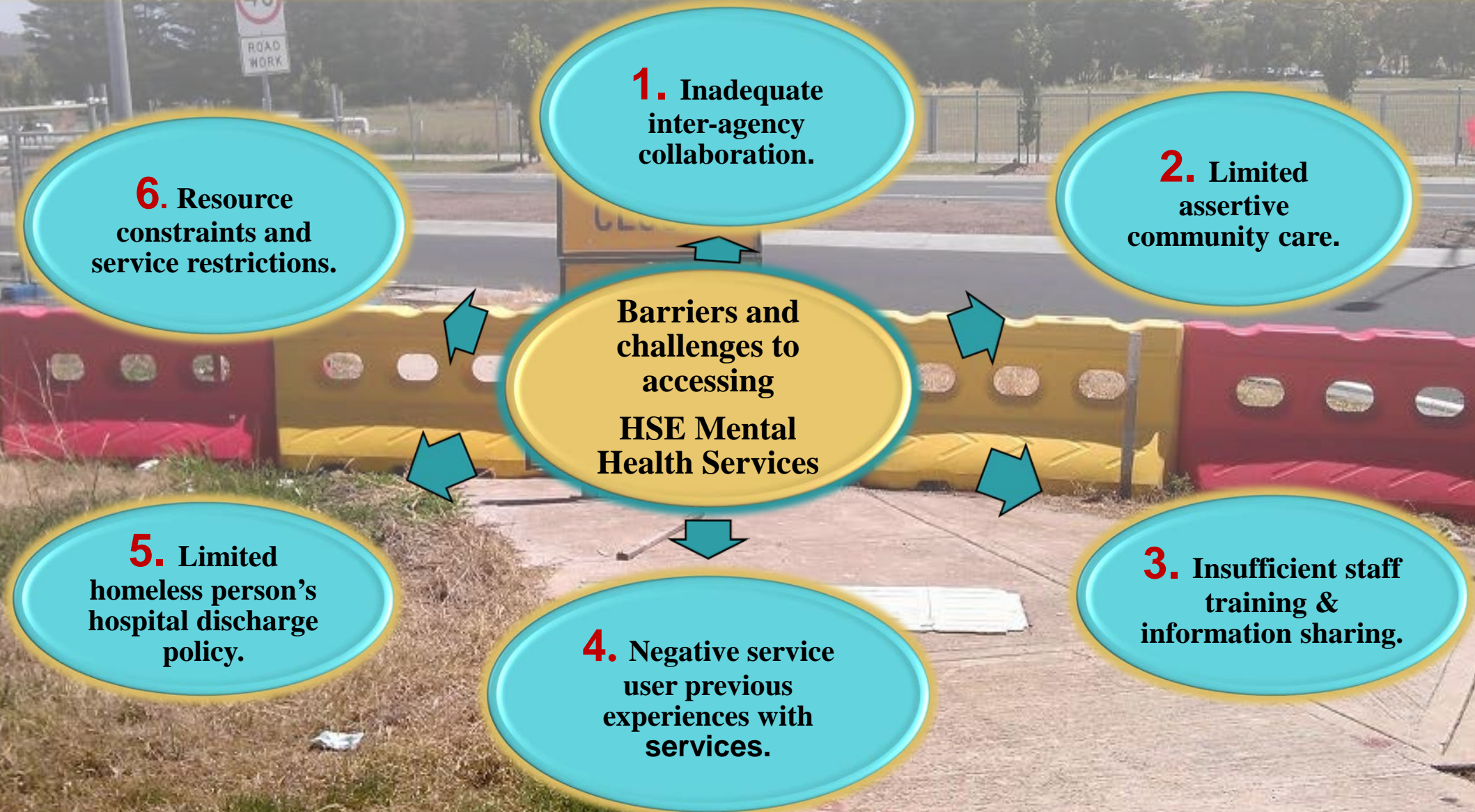
To set the scene...let's talk about Kevin



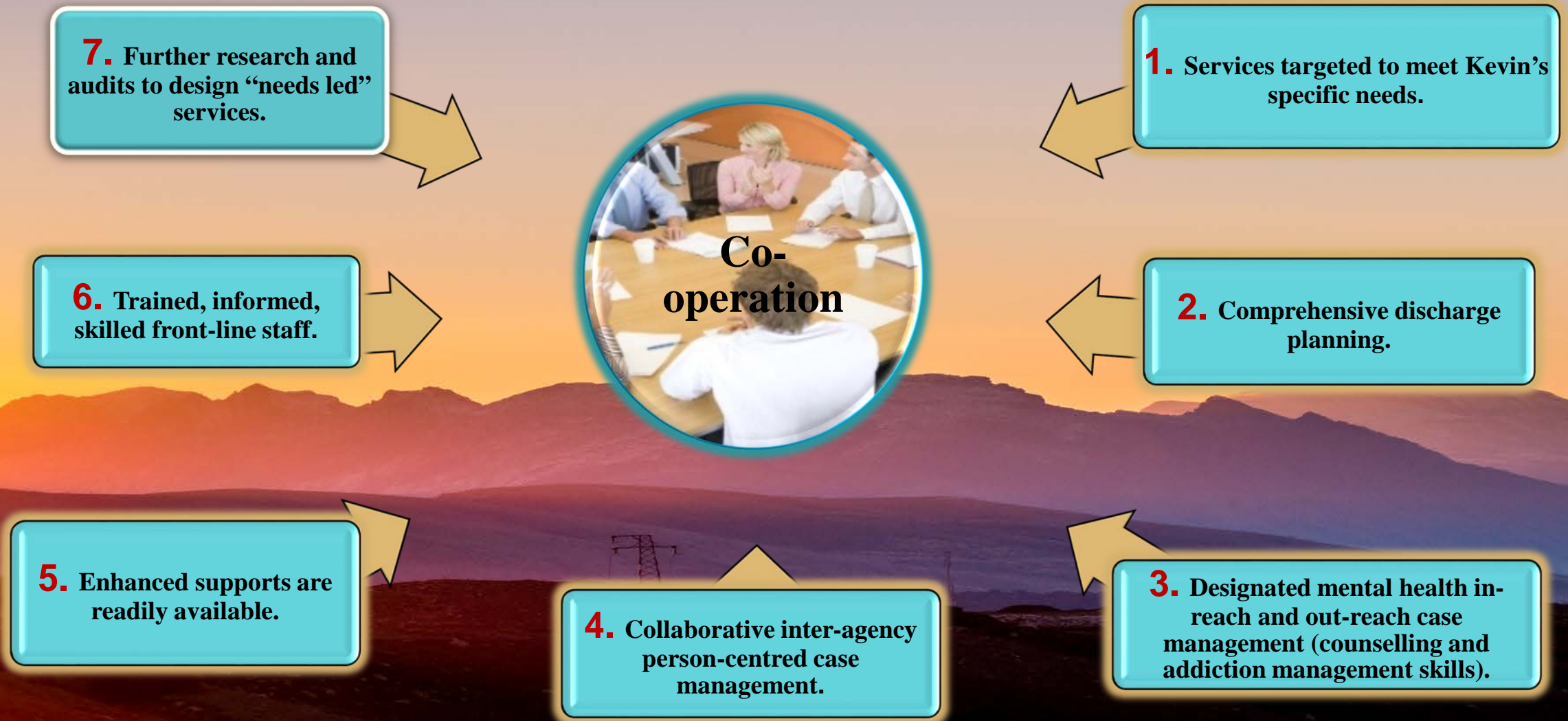
Challenges for front-line staff to meet Kevin's needs...



Findings



In conclusion...back to Kevin...



Road to recovery...back to Kevin...



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