

10th June 2008

Bournemouth Threshold Dialogue

'Where everyone learns but nobody teaches.'

Tuesdays 6.15-7.45pm Clubhouse, Bournemouth

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2 Agency representatives and 1 from PD took part.

Learnings

'I think it wouldn't work if just one offender turned up. It would be unbalanced with all of us lot and just them here. We're going to need stable ex-offenders to help draw people in.'
(Agency)

'I saw X. We had a chat and he's had support from Footprints and his mum. He's since had his licence breached for missing a couple of appointments, so he's due to be picked up. He definitely won't be here tonight.'
(Agency)

'Overall I'm encouraged with the way things are moving in drug treatment. It used to be all about abstinence, but with more widespread use of maintenance I can see that expectations have become more realistic.'
(Agency)

A smaller group of agencies only can still be beneficial at the early planning stages

'I was at the Operations Group meeting this afternoon. Myself and (PC) are heading up the community side. We've got some design ideas for a participant card and a promotional leaflet. We can get the partner agency logos on the front cover. If (PD) takes the leaflet on we can take a look at it next week.'
(Agency)

'I can't say I'm surprised there's no offenders here – it's a sunny day, too hot to be indoors. An element of compulsion ought to help getting people in, we had X in by himself a couple of weeks back – he got the special 1:1 treatment!'
(Agency)

'With Y (Offender) I can't see him stopping. He likes his alcohol too much and it always gets him into trouble. Now he's back in Dorchester again. We had 5 possibles, now it's down to 2.'
(Agency)

Lots of factors can contribute to non-attendance. Almost all of those can be addressed in some way – except the weather!

Offenders re-offend. That's the client group, that's why we're here.



Bournemouth Threshold Dialogue brings Bournemouth offenders together in open conversation with the agencies responsible for their supervision and support. Dialogues are themed on the issues affecting re-offending. The process starts in custody and continues post-release in the community, emphasising support, change, responsibility and early intervention. The intervention is supported by Bournemouth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership