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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:45pm Clubhouse, Boscombe

You don't get something for nothing

Participants: 5 Ex-offenders & 7 others (Police, BCHA, Agency & PD)

LEARNINGS

"Reflect on the past, live for the present and hope for the future."

(Police)

"You don't get nothing for free."

(Ex-offender)

"Last time I was clean after 3rd stage drug treatment. I saved my own money to get a flat and it felt good."

(Ex-offender)

Things you may regret from your past can be a lesson towards your future.

"You can't change the past, but it's important to learn and draw from past experience in order to move on in the future."

(Agency)

Everybody, not just ex-offenders, struggle to get council accommodation.

"After being discharged from supported accommodation, I ended up sleeping rough as a consequence of my behaviour. However, I arranged to attend pre-treatment regularly and have been accepted back by supported accommodation."

(Ex-offender)

"I only slapped him and ended up being evicted which wasn't in the contract. I don't understand."

(Ex-offender)

"Any form of verbal or physical violence, you know you're going to be evicted, which is how it should be."

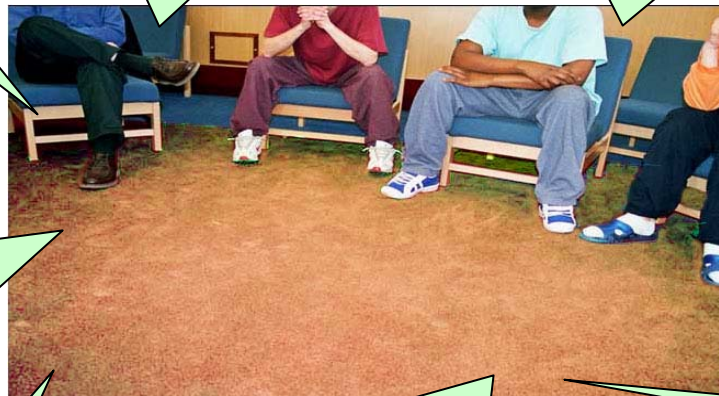
(Ex-offender)

"I didn't work with agencies to get my accommodation."

(Ex-offender)

"You did. I visited you in prison and you engaged with at least 3 other services which shows your motivation."

(Agency)



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, challenge, responsibility and early intervention. Threshold Dialogue is supported by Bournemouth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.