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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

## COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:45pm BCHA, St Swithuns House

## Never give up

Participants: 5 Ex-offenders, 1 Police, 1 B'mouth Council, 1 BCHA, 2 Agency & 1 PD

## LEARNINGS

"I'm sleeping rough under a bridge and the Police wake me up every morning with a Section 30 dispersal notice."

(Ex-offender)

"My clothes have gone missing from the night-shelter. When they pack up your room they don't take any care with your stuff."

(Ex-offender)

"I've got a flat and am not using class A's. Getting off drugs now seems like the easy part, getting on with normal life, paying bills and rent is difficult."

(Ex-offender)

Sometimes you have to keep trying and keep coming back for support when you don't get it first time.

People do get second and third chances for support, but sometimes you have to show that you deserve it.

Recovery is difficult, but adjusting to 'normal life' can be hard as well.

"I've been trying to get help for months, but don't seem to be getting anywhere. I'm waiting for a letter about a methadone script, but it hasn't turned up. I struggle to get to Foundation cause it closes at 2.00pm, I spend most of the morning sorting out my drink and drugs."

(Ex-offender)

"You need to keep going back to your key-worker, if you don't get anywhere keep going back. If they see that you're motivated you're more likely to get help."

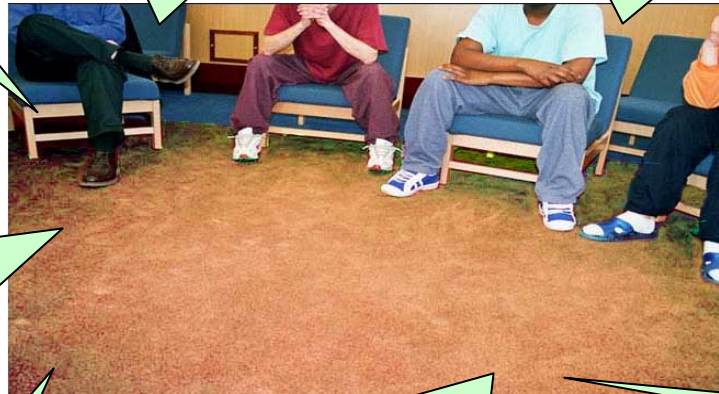
(Ex-offender)

"You need to listen to the advice that you're being given by the guys here. It sounds like you're trying to blame other people and agencies for why you're not getting help, but you need to look at what you're doing as well."

(Agency)

"I've got a lot of respect for your situation, getting involved with this project and coming to the sessions. When I was using I wouldn't have been motivated to come to a meeting like this."

(Ex-offender)



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.