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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:45pm 43 Oxford Road, B'mouth

## Second Chances

Participants: 3 Ex-offenders, 2 Police, 1 B'mouth Council & 2 BCHA

### LEARNINGS

"It took me 12 years to get clean – you need to take every opportunity you get to find the support you need."

(Ex-offender)

"I'm 34 years old, I don't want to live in a hostel with all the rules telling me when I can go out and what I can do. I want my own flat."

(Ex-offender)

"Everywhere has some rules. I've just moved in with my girlfriend and there are new rules there."

(Ex-offender)

You need to be ready to change when the support is offered. Sometimes the timings aren't right for people.

But there are often second chances to get support and when you are ready, you need to take them.

"I've spoken to Probation about getting more regular drug tests, because I know I'd be tempted to use if they aren't very frequent."

(Ex-offender)

Supported accommodation isn't right for everyone, but for some it can offer a chance to get back on your feet.

"Supported accommodation should be about giving people the support they need to move on into independent living, but they aren't rehabs and there is an expectation that people help themselves as well."

(Agency)

"I'm waiting for a place at Flaghead for alcohol detox and then I have a place lined up at a treatment centre in Devon, to get off the methadone. But it feels like everything is moving a bit too fast at the moment."

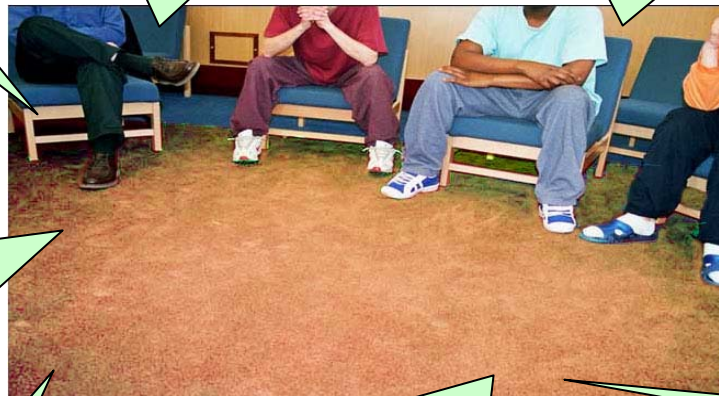
(Ex-offender)

"I've never had any help from St Pauls with move-on accommodation, but I see other people getting into hostels or their own flats."

(Ex-offender)

"You need to come in and make an appointment to get some help – come in tomorrow and I'll speak to someone about this."

(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.