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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Sex and Respect

Thursdays 4pm – 6pm BCHA, Dorset Lodge

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking and behaviour

Participants: 4 Service Users, 2 B'mouth Council & 1 BCHA

LEARNINGS

"Do people think swearing is acceptable or not?"

(Agency)

"Would you swear in front of your parents, or your children, or your Nan?"

(Agency)

"I've found that my wife could tell where I've worked with a group of young people by the amount of swearing I'd do when I got home."

(Agency)

"I've done the relationship thing and now I'm doing my thing...it's all about the chase."

(Service User)

"You have to work hard at relationships and I'm not in that place yet."

(Service User)

When you can accept each others differences you can start to be respectful.

We all have things in common and we can come at those things from different viewpoints.

It's ok to have a different opinion, how you express it can open up a dialogue or close it down.

"I wouldn't swear everywhere I am. I would swear at a football match when my adrenaline's going, or in the pub with my mates but I wouldn't swear at a meeting with the suits at BCHA for example."

(Service User)



"I hate the 'C' word."

(Agency)

"I've found that most men do and I think it's a word women are more comfortable with than men."

(Agency)

"I'm not ready for that type of relationship yet because when you put that work in you get hurt and I don't want to get hurt, but I'm not saying that it's not going to happen because sometimes it happens when you're not looking for it."

(Service user)

"Whatever type of relationship you're going to have with someone you need to be honest with the other person about what you want and you have to understand that sometimes a person will say they want what you want when they don't...you're dealing with people and emotions after all."

(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.