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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Thursdays 4pm – 6pm BCHA, Dorset Lodge

What makes things change?

Resettlement Pathway: Accom / Drugs / Alcohol / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 5 Service Users, 1 BCHA & 1 B'mouth Council

LEARNINGS

"I was shocked at the way residents are evicted, they get so little notice when they get their final warning, do they feel cared for by the staff when that happens?" (Agency)

"The staff aren't paid enough to care about the residents." (Service User)

"I admitted to a member of staff that I'd used and I got my second warning when what I needed was help, I feel let down by the staff." (Service User)

"I think that sometimes people need to be at rock bottom before they decide to change their lives." (Agency)

"I don't agree, sometimes they need help before that." (Service User)

Working out what will motivate someone to change isn't always easy.

Feeling cared about is important for everybody.

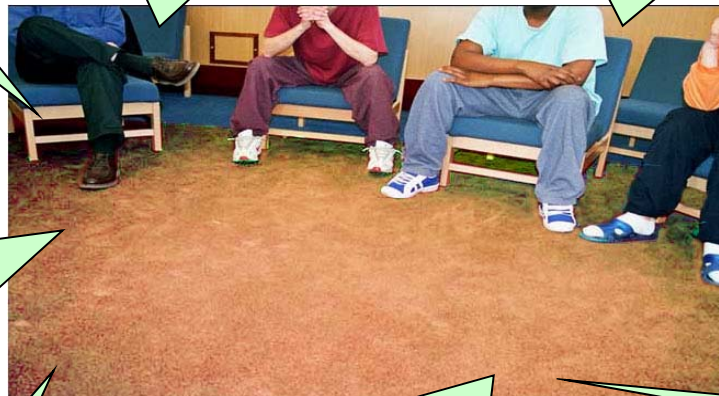
"You can't make people change, they have to want to change, if they have nothing they can see that change is for the better." (Agency)

"At the end of the day you will always love and care about your children. They know that whatever they do you will be there for them whatever happens. That's not something staff can do for residents." (Service User)

"Staff here go home at the end of the day to their warm cosy homes, they can forget about us." (Service User)

"Some of the residents in here do very positive things with their lives, they organise and structure their time in order to go to the groups they need to go to that will help them and sometimes they do it with minimum input from staff." (Agency)

Everyone is an individual and sometimes individuals can get lost in systems.



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.