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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Thursdays 4pm – 6pm BCHA, Dorset Lodge

Chewing the fat

Resettlement Pathway: Education, Training, Employment / Children & Families / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 3 Service Users, 1 B'mouth Council, 1 BCHA & 1 PD

LEARNINGS

"I'm going back to college to brush up on my English and maths because things have changed in work since I last worked. To get a job you need points and you get points by taking courses."

(Service User)

"I'm doing voluntary work. I started off as an advisor but now I do all the appointments and bookings. I love the work that I do."

(Service User)

"I just want to stay out of prison. I don't want to go back this time...I'm taking it one day at a time."

(Service User)

It's good to chat and laugh about the little things in life with friends.

We all have different skills and using those skills to help others can give you a sense of achievement.

"When I was young I did my training in cooking...I learnt to cook by spending time in the kitchen with my mum...that's how you learn life skills. A lot of men in here don't have those life skills."

(Service User)



"I really enjoy my voluntary work but I have to be careful about taking a full time paid job because it could affect my benefits...I'm only allowed to do voluntary work for 16 hours a week."

(Service User)

"If you can do a full week 40 hours volunteering you can do a full time paid job."

(Service User)

"It's had to get back into full time work when you've been long term unemployed. The first time I worked a full week I was exhausted at the end of it."

(Agency)

"I can cook but by the time I get home from work I don't want to. My boyfriend does cook though."

"My husband is very good at doing his share, I just wonder why when he makes tea sugar ends up all over the side."

"it's like the toilet isn't it? It must be horrendous cleaning the toilets in here!"

(Agencies)

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.