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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30pm BCHA, Dorset Lodge

Getting the right support

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

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

LEARNINGS

"The thing I've learnt today is how fortunate I am to have support from my friends and family. I always look to my family more."

(BCHA)

"It's difficult to move on to a flat because with basic benefits I won't be able to pay for my bills and everything else that comes with it."

(Ex-offender)

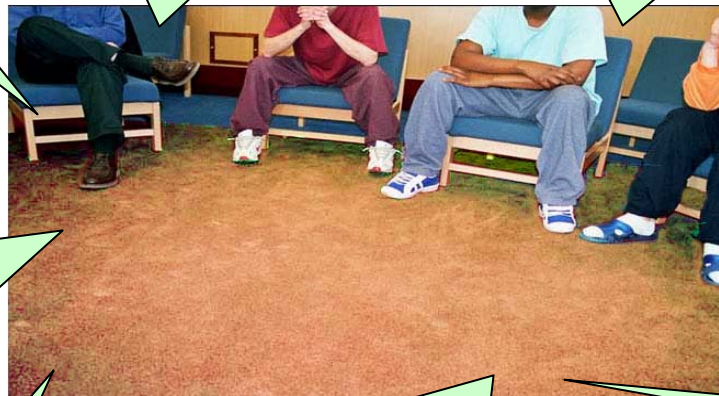
"I'm a cannabis user. I'm addicted to it because it helps with the pain. If I get my own place I'm worried I'll end up dealing and get arrested."

(Ex-offender)

We all find support from different sources and in different ways.

"I've had to build my own self confidence in my life as I haven't had that kind of upbringing. I try and take the good things from my family and learn from the bad."

(Police)



It is important to have the right people to get the right support and advice.

"I'll go to different people for different support and advice. I can't talk to my girlfriend about some things."

(Ex-offender)

"I don't really have any support. All my family are dead. I turn to the church. The peace and quiet helps."

(Ex-offender)

"My extended family will give me help and support but I always feel that I have to fix myself before I can go to them. I know that's something I've got to work on."

(Ex-offender)

Sometimes friends and family are not enough help and support. Sometimes you need outside help and support from a professional.

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.