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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

## New faces, same problems

Thursdays 2pm – 3.30pm BCHA, St Paul's

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

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

### LEARNINGS

"I have breached my DRR on purpose. I am waiting to go to Prison at the end of this month for three months so I can get clean. It's the only way for me."  
(Service User)

"I moved down with my partner 2 weeks ago and have been living in a tent in a field. I'm 6 months pregnant but have not got any local connections. Where do I start?"  
(Service User)

"You have got to get yourself known. Start off by going to Street Services for an interview. Then get yourself registered with a doctor. Start building up that local connection."  
(Service User)

We are all part of the system and have to do our best within it.

"I tried to stay off the gear in the outside world. I lasted three days before I had to have a hit. It cannot be done unless you're away from other users."  
(Service User)

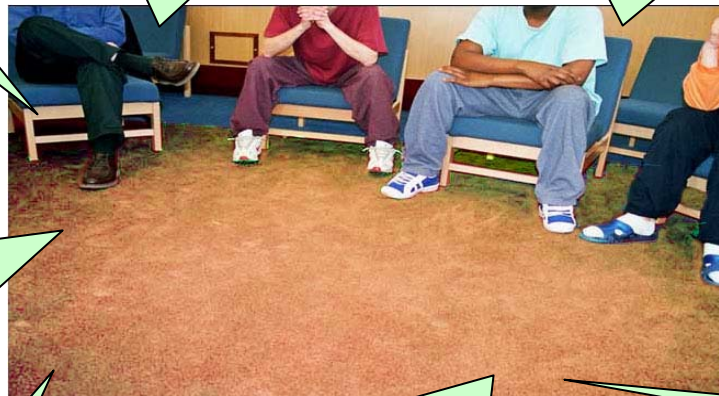
We all have restrictions on our lives in varying degrees.

"Most prisons cannot prepare you for life on the outside. You may get clean but you're using again as soon as you're outside. Though the prison with the best courses is Guys Marsh."  
(Service User)

"I was assaulted and taken advantage of. I reported this to the police and that I was in fear but before I could finish what I was saying, I knew they were not going to take me seriously because I am a drug user."  
(Service User)

"I want to see some Heads of Services at these meetings. I want them to answer some of these issues in person. Maybe that way things will be done."  
(Service User)

People need goals in life – and it takes effort to reach them.



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.