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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

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

We do love to be beside the seaside.....

Resettlement Pathway:

Participants: 5 Service Users, 2 Police, 1 BCHA, 1 Councillor, 2 YMCA & 1 PD

LEARNINGS

"I am grateful for the use of the Day Centre facilities . I check for work on the Internet, have a cup of tea, use staff assistance to help fill out forms . I am not a resident. I have local connections but live in a tent because this place is full of people misusing drugs."

(Service User)

"People of B'mouth ring me up as they are fed up with it. B'mouth is seen as the place to be homeless and the Night shelter is one of those attractions. There is nothing else like it nearby."

(Councillor)

"I disagree that it's a major attraction. There are so many rehab centres in the area, which most out of town people 'fall off' after a few days of who then decide to stick around the area anyway!"

(Service User)

Charity starts at home.

Welcome to Bournemouth.
Please leave your habits at home.

If the help is here, Why isn't it anywhere else?

"The Day Centre is changing its opening to 7-8am & 10am-2pm. Only residents can use the Day Centre out of these times." (BCHA)

"What percentage of Day Centre users are not residents?" (Police)

"90%." (BCHA)

"So, come 2pm, 90% of users are going to be out on the street. Whose problem does that become?" (Police)

"The problem now is that non residents like you are going to be actively seen on the street by the residents who complain to the Council about ...people seen on the streets! Yet before, you spent most of the day using the facilities at the Day Centre to your advantage."

(Police)

"We see a steady flow of non-Bournemouth residents, which we have been referred to us from places like London. Yet we have recently have had to turn away a 17 year old girl away because she was from Poole! The reducing of hours at the Day Centre may have an effect on the YMCA."

(Agency)

"It is known that private landlords who own numerous bed sits in the area, visit places like the Borough of London and advertise their properties for rent with local councils up there. Another reason why people not local to Bournemouth are here !"

(B'mouth Council)



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.