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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

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

Referee! That was never a foul!

Resettlement Pathway: Accommodation / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 11 Service Users, 2 Police

LEARNINGS

"What I hate are those people who use the services without showing respect. They then get kicked out of places like St Paul's and then kick off even more, expecting to get their way. The staff here do a great job and don't need that kind of trouble."
(Service User)

"I hear there is a new scheme happening to deal with these type of people. It was mentioned in the service user meeting this morning. What's this red and yellow card scheme all about? Why are the police going to pick on individuals?"
(Service User)

"Under the new scheme aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour, action will be taken by Police, Council and other partners against anyone behaving anti-socially. It includes action plans, monitoring of your behaviour, of which if escalates you may be given an ASBO. This is a joint partnership scheme."
(Police)

If you want to be respected,
you must respect yourself.

The future will be better
tomorrow. Starting today.

"I have been accepted into a mother and baby accommodation. My other half and I have been clean for months now. I have worked hard to get that help, even though I have a local connection, it still has not been easy."
(Service User)



By changing the inner attitudes
of your minds, you can change
the outer aspects of your lives.

"So, is it easier to get help with local connections?"
(Police)
"Its important to get a local connection, but you only get fifteen days in the Night shelter, after that you are back on the streets. I am coming to the end of my time at St Paul's and then I am going to look for a Squat in the area. I have no other options."
(Service User)

"There are things you can do to build up that local connection quicker. I moved down to the South with no local connections at all but got myself enrolled at the local Job Centre. I have been here for a few months now, staying at the Night shelter."
(Service User)

"There was a success story last month where a member of Street Services attended Dialogue. A male came to that Dialogue and spoke about how frustrated he was with trying to prove his connection, and all the steps he had taken to engage with all agencies. Later that day Street Services had carried out an investigation, with local connection being proved. This male can now access the hostel after being street homeless for 6 months."
(Police)

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.