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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

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

Is it really 'home sweet home'?

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

Participants: 6 Service Users, 1 Police, 2 BCHA, 1 B'mouth Council

LEARNINGS

"If you're going to *Shelter* you need to make sure you get all your evidence together to take with you. That's why it's important to look after all your paperwork."

(Service User)

"I don't understand why the rules changed and they stopped paying rent to the landlord. It's stupid paying rent to addicts. They just smoke it."

(Service User)

"When you get your own accommodation there's lots of things to keep track of. It's a good idea to open a *Credit Union* account so you've got evidence of your rent being paid."

(Service User)

There are unscrupulous people out there, so be careful.

"From the sounds of it people are suggesting that you go and get help from *Shelter* about advice on legal and housing issues."

(Agency)

"Could we invite someone from *Shelter* to one of these sessions?"

(Service User)

Just because you have nothing, doesn't mean you don't have rights.

In order for people to help you, you need to take responsibility for keeping your records and paperwork in order.

"When you move onto private accommodation there's no support. You go from stage 4 accommodation to nothing."

(Service User)

"Yes there is. You can get a floating support worker from BCHA."

(Service User)

"I was in stage 4 accommodation. I had an epileptic fit and the ambulance men gave me diamorphine. Another resident told my worker they'd given me a reversal drug and that I'd been using. The ambulance men told her it was diamorphine, but she believed the other resident so I was kicked out over hearsay."

(Service User)

"I was kicked out of my accommodation last time because I had too many people visiting me. Other people didn't like it and told my landlord I was dealing drugs."

(Service User)



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.