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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

Sobriety

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Participants: 17 Service Users, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police & 1 CRI

LEARNINGS

"I think that it is important that agencies work together. I replied on this while I was out."
(Offender)

"We need more people in position to change things to attend these sessions."
(Prison Staff)

"I have done clean time but it can get boring."
(Offender)

Addiction comes in many forms.

Multi agency working does help.

The choice still remain with you.

"There is no incentive to get clean when you are on a DRR these days. You used to have to be totally clean otherwise you were sent back to prison, Now you can still use and not get sent back to prison."
(Offender)



"People are talking about drugs. What about alcohol? It creates more problems but is considered acceptable. Its harder to avoid as its everywhere you look whereas if you want drugs you have to actually go out and find it."
(Offender)

"It is just trading one addiction for another. The issue of tackling the problem hasn't been addressed. You still need help from a psychological viewpoint to find out why you need to get bombed out of your head."
(Offender)

"From a police point of view we seem to have more anti social problems due to alcohol than drugs. Also a lot of drug users who are on methadone and are trying to stay clean tend to over compensate by drinking too much alcohol and become even more chaotic and often violent."
(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.