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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

Home Sweet Home

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Participants: 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 CRI & 1 Footprints

LEARNINGS

"I was in a dry house and had a drink. They breathalysed me and kicked me out for seven days. How was I supposed to stay clean while on the streets. They should have given me a chance."
(Offender)

"Its no good me being given a DRR and/or just sending me to the night shelter after release. Its just setting me up to fail."
(Offender)

"You have to remember that looking after your own place brings added pressure like paying the bills etc."
(Police)

A safe environment is important.

"I know this scheme is only open to offenders serving twelve months or less but I would like a chance to get on the scheme. I may do go through the same process but do it myself and contact the same people."
(Offender)

With responsibility comes more pressure.

"There were a significant number of offenders let out of prison on xmas eve to the Bournemouth area, particularly Guys Marsh. This put extra strain on the service providers."
(Police)

"I know I want to change but I feel I need that extra incentive to go through with it. I think the chance of my own accommodation away from other users would help me and prevent me from falling back into drugs and crime."
(Offender)

"I am not a UK resident and am not eligible for benefits. I don't want them anyway. I want to work but cannot get a job if I am NFA."
(Offender)

Agencies are here to help but can only do so much.



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.