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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

A helping hand

Participants: 12 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 B'mouth Council & 1 Ex-magistrate

LEARNINGS

"I went out of prison on the Line of Sight scheme. Unfortunately the accommodation was not fit to live in really. The electric was too costly to run and I was surrounded by drunks and drug users."

(Offender)

"Its all about self motivation. You cant blame your surroundings .Its up to you to keep yourself clean."

(Offender)

"I would still like to thank Footprints. They did a wonderful job in helping me and haven't got a single bad word to say about them."

(Offender)

We have to start somewhere.

Getting clean isn't easy. If it was there wouldn't be so many addicts.

People need support to help them stand on their feet.

"Although the ultimate decision is up to you and its all about choices .I think if this scheme is to work then we have a responsibility to put you somewhere away from all the temptations and people trying to coerce you back into that lifestyle."

(Police)



"I did it all by myself last time. I set everything up by myself for when I got out of prison."

(Offender)

"I needed to come inside. Even though my first day in I was shaking and rattling in my cell. I was dying out there."

(Offender)

"I have suffered from alcohol and drug addiction resulting in constant homelessness for years. I rely on occasional prison sentences for a break. If I didn't I don't think I would be alive. Its like coming in for an M.O.T."

(Offender)

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.