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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

Any burning issues for you

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Resettlement Pathway:

Participants: 11 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police & 1 CRI

LEARNINGS

"I haven't got a release date. I want to know cos I might get a tag."

(Offender)

"You need to read your paperwork. It will give you all the relevant info on potential release dates."

(Prison Staff)

"If you've got violence against you it's unlikely you will get a tag."

(Offender)

Housing can't be arranged overnight

It is important to let staff know about your housing needs as soon as you arrive.

Even people not in prison have struggled being housed.

"The local connection policy was put in place because local resources were being stretched. It makes our work difficult."

(Agency)

"Since I've been here all my stuff has been nicked. Someone's done my flat."

(Offender)

"After you have been sentenced, benefits stop after 13 weeks. The system needs to change. You can't get benefits in place until you leave prison."

(Prison Staff)

"We want the best for people we work with and we know prisoners are given a better chance if accommodation is in place."

(Agency)



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.