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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

## Never say never

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes. Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 14 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 1 Police 1 CRI

### LEARNINGS

"I feel like I've been stitched up. I've been recalled but I don't know why."

(Offender)

"Probation don't make up things just to put us down. We give them the ammo to fire at us."

(Offender)

"Every single person in their respective agencies probably do a good job but collectively there is no communication."

(Offender)

People need to communicate more if there's to be change.

Responsibility starts with oneself.

"We've had councillors and other agencies here but unless we get people involved who can change policy at the top level we're just talking shop."

(Prison Staff)



The best chance of success is to avoid temptation altogether.

"If I were in a hostel and then there was dealing going on in front of me, as a fellow criminal I couldn't dictate what crime he can and can't do."

(Offender)

"When you go onto a hostel or rehab you don't want to have drug use or dealing happening under your nose. It needs to be a safe environment."

(Police)

"I know where I went wrong last time. I picked up that 1<sup>st</sup> can under peer pressure. I know what to do better next time."

(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.