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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

## That's Life

Participants: 23 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 Magistrate & 1 CJD

### LEARNINGS

"We are limited as to what jobs we can get with a criminal record because no-one wants to hire you."

(Offender)

"You can't get a job while you are on a methadone prescription due to restrictions with operating machinery etc..."

(Offender)

"We need to be able to arrange CRB checks to be done prior to them leaving prison so they are employable sooner rather than later."

(Prison Staff)

Agencies are doing what they can with the resources available.

You have to accept some accountability for your previous misdeeds.

Some difficult choices have to be made.

"We have spoken before about a multi agency run hostel which includes police to make a safe environment where users trying to stay clean can be housed without the fear of others waving drugs under their noses but it's all about funding."

(Police)

"You have to work with your probation officer. They are responsible for writing your reports so even if you have to grovel, it is in your own best interest."

(Magistrate)

"Why can't they legalise heroin for us real addicts. It would cut down so much crime."

(Offender)

"I know they have been trialling the treatment of addicts in approximately 4 towns in the country by issuing certain extreme chaotic addicts with heroin (under medical supervision) when all other methods have failed. The trial is called R.I.O.T."

(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.