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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

How do we get a chance to work?

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Education / Training / Employment

Participants: 13 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 BCHA & 1 CRI

LEARNINGS

"I had a job to go to but my probation officer would not let me do it because she said it would be too stressful and I would relapse on drugs."

(Offender)

"I have got work after a sentence through friends and family. It's hard to get any other work because as soon as they ask about your record that's it. Who wants to employ me?"

(Offender)

"What is the point of these groups? What does it achieve?"

(Offender)

Things change. Unfortunately this is not a quick process.

Speak up and be heard!

"Things are changing and there is a scheme being put in place to gain accommodation and voluntary work to offenders being released as a result of what is said and done here."

(Prison Staff)

"One of the great benefits of dialogue is information sharing amongst everyone about what is available that even professionals are not aware of or miss."

(Agency)

"Despite whatever setbacks you have, try and be proactive in contacting services and probation; let them know you are there and need and are looking for help."

(Agency)

"I have been repeatedly set up to fail and made to do things against my will. And I will get the same licence conditions when I come out next time. If I do not agree I will not get out. What am I supposed to do? "

(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.