

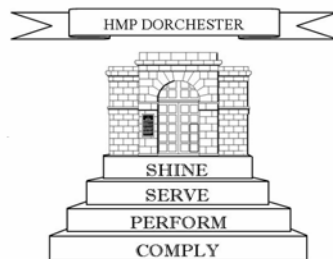
Prison Threshold Dialogue (11) Cycle 3 on 18 December 07

2 Prisoners, 1 Governor, 1 Prison Officer and 1 from PD participated in the dialogue

'I want to be normal. I want to be in my own place, not somewhere where I can't do what I want.' (Offender)

'I just don't buy that story. If that guy was using hard drugs at any level he was committing crime to pay for it, simple as that. It's too expensive not too. Second, why should he be homeless for four months before he gets any help? That's like a test – it's stupid. They wanted him to fail.' (Offender)

"(Governor) made it happen for me last week. Since I spoke to her she's had me re-assessed and I've been accepted at Clearsprings – I'm made up."
(Offender)



'It was an eye-opener to find out how many charities were out there. Probation don't tell you about it though. You've got to ask them and they'll get you the folder to take a look at. It's big – there's tons of 'em.'
(Offender)

'You can't go blaming everyone for everything. I feel like I'm responsible for everything that's happened in my life.'
(Offender)

'I disagree. There are people that do bad things to other people. A lot of that is out of our control, especially when we're children. It's how you move forward, whether it's counselling or some kind of course. You can learn to live with some things that don't go on to rule your life. You can let go and get closure. You can move on.'
(Governor)

The next Prison Threshold Dialogue will take place on Tuesday 9th January @ 2.00pm in the Chapel, HMP Dorchester