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## BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

### Being positive and moving forward

Participants: 10 Offenders & 4 Others (Prison Staff, Police, PD)

#### LEARNINGS

"I've got a 5yr ASBO and I'm a PPO. I just want to know when I can get rid of it. I'm fed up of it all and want to change."  
(Offender)

"I'm on a pub watch too which means I'm banned from all the pubs locally."  
(Offender)

"I just want to get out and do some training so I can work for myself, gardening or working with addicts. I've worked in a factory once but only lasted a day. Now I've got 170 odd convictions. With my record I'll never get a job."  
(Offender)

"It's alright the government having all these schemes for companies to take on ex-offenders, but they don't do anything to help employers so in reality its not happening. Accommodation and employability are what these guys need to have when they leave."  
(Prison Staff)

"You can get certain things taken off your ASBO, or altered, you just have to behave and prove yourself."  
(Police)

"If there is no current police intelligence for at least 6 months, then your PPO status is reviewed by a PPO panel. You have to accept that you will have a high level of policing and you'll need to keep out of trouble for at least 6 months."  
(Police)



"I'm sick of looking at courses of 12-18 months and thinking they're too long and not sticking at it. I end up getting nicked for something and end up back in prison for 2 years thinking I could have finished the course by now if I'd stuck at it."  
(Offender)

"I've got loads of trades, I'm a qualified teacher, but I don't like any of them. I just don't want to be in one place for too long. HGV driving would suit me."  
(Offender)

"If you go to college you only get £30 a week. How can you live on that. I'm soon back out on a Friday night with my mates and up to no good."  
(Offender)

Getting employment with a criminal record is hard work

You have to live with the realities of having an ASBO or being a PPO. There's no way around it apart from staying out of trouble.

Support from the relevant agencies in Bournemouth is accessible to **all** offenders, even if you're not a prolific and have a short sentence.

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.