

Prison Threshold Dialogue (9) Cycle 2 on 4th September 07

7 Prisoners, 1 Governor, 1 Prison Officer, and 1 from Prison Dialogue participated in the dialogue

Check-in Q: What's one small achievable thing that you can do for yourself this week to make the best use of your time in here?

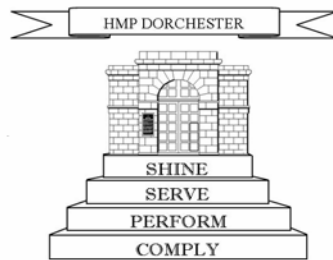
'Uh, no way. Ha ha. Police coming in here to talk to us – now I've heard everything. Think I'll be taking a rain check next week.' (Offender)

'It 's not Robocop is it? – tell you what, that guy loves his job a bit too much.' (Offender)

'CS gassed in a phone box. That was what I got. They didn't even approach me I was just zapped and nicked.' (Offender)

"I'm used to being arrested but sometimes I think it's unnecessary what they do. Like I was on the ground with five coppers on me and they got the cuffs on, then I got sprayed with CS gas or whatever. That's out of line." (Offender)

Theme: Police Preparation



"It does seem weird at the point of arrest when you're giving up of your own free will but they're being all aggressive and shouty. You've got to see it from their point of view. You might think you're just a heroin addict guy but you could have needles or anything on you. They don't know whether you do or don't and it's dangerous for them. We take that for granted I think." (Offender)

"It's funny how they know. It's not how you look or behave, it's how you look at them. When I'm at it I look at a cop car a different way and they can tell. When I'm straight up and behaving I've got nothing to hide so I must be that bit more relaxed and not bothered." (Offender)

'I'm still not made up whether I'm coming in next week. I'll decide on the day. I don't like the idea of talking to police. What's to say? Do your job, nick me, see you later.' (Offender)

'I'm interested. I want to know who's coming in. If it's Bournemouth Police I'm bound to know them.' (Offender)

'Intriguing to see how Police Officers think differently to other areas in criminal justice. They nick you lot then send you on to us. Don't know how the detail is panning out but I'm definitely up for this meeting next week.' (Staff).

The next Prison Threshold Dialogue will take place on Tuesday 11th September @ 2.00pm in the Chapel, HMP Dorchester