

Prison Threshold Dialogue (5) Cycle 2 on 7th August 07

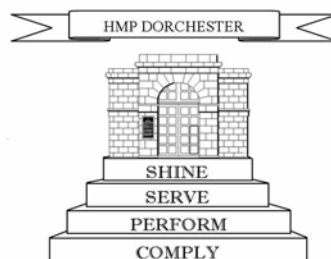
8 Prisoners, 1 Senior Probation Officer and 1 Prison Officer participated in the dialogue

“It’s a local prison so facilities are bound to be limited and we’re always fighting with overcrowding. That said, this prison is currently ranking 14th for Purposeful Activity in the country which is a real achievement.”
(Staff)

‘You’re right. This place is tiny next to some of the nicks I’ve been in. Perhaps what we lose in courses and such we get back by having staff that know you. It’s not such a warehouse’ (Offender)

‘For me, working here every day is about not giving up on the people that society has washed it’s hands of. That’s what gets me out of bed and into work each morning.’
(Staff)

Theme:



“This jail is good. It’s comfortable and the staff are decent here. You get the odd funny one but you get that anywhere - it’s very much the minority here. I’ve been in other places where it’s not so good. There’s still not a lot to do here though. If I get a longer sentence I may put in for a transfer elsewhere.”
(Offender)

“OASys is designed to score your risk of re-offending and your risk of harm. From that we ought to be able to feed properly into your sentencing planning to get you the help you need. It’s an unfortunate truth that people on short sentences are going to get less help. If you’re only here for six weeks, which is about average, there’s not a lot anyone can do for you in the way of courses. Sometimes I think the best thing that could happen to someone would be to get a longer sentence.” (Staff)

The next Prison Threshold Dialogue will take place on Tuesday 14th August @ 2.00pm in the Chapel, HMP Dorchester