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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Is the lottery the only answer?

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

Resettlement Pathway: Education, Physical Health / Drugs / Alcohol / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 4 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 B'mouth Council & 1 Probation

LEARNINGS

"On the wing one guy had had a difficult phone call and refused to get locked up. I locked everyone else up and came back to him. We talked it through and he calmed down. Some of the younger lads (Officers) wouldn't react like that. He then apologised." (Agency)
"It takes a real man to say sorry." (Offender)

"For some lads things like baseball, basketball and football is the only way out. What other options are there?" (Agency)
"Beckham's from the Isle of Dogs." (Offender)
"Education." (Offender)

"If I won the lottery I'd be really afraid. I'd have to give all the money to my family to look after. I couldn't trust myself." (Offender)

It's never too late to get involved in education.

We all make mistakes and it doesn't hurt to acknowledge that.

The more we communicate with each other the more we understand each other.



"I was having a visit from my family. Drank too much tea and coffee then needed a pee. I wasn't walking all the way back so I peed in a bush. A prison officer caught me and said 'What the f**k do you think you're doing?' I said 'You want to make something of it? - do it!'" (Offender)

"What other way could you have dealt with this? You just told us you urgently needed a pee - we understood." (Agency)

"You have to be careful who you piss off - you never know when they'll be in a position of power over you." (Agency)

"I was easily distracted at school and didn't do very well." (Offender)

"I found it really difficult in class. What was written on the board could have been Japanese! But when I was in the playground with a ball in front of me - I understood that." (Offender)

"It's never too late to go back and learn." (Offender)

"I've never taken any help before but this time I've decided to get all the help I can." (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.