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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

We can all hear but are we listening

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 10 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 2 Police & 1 Magistrate

LEARNINGS

"Are people aware that the community care grant can only be used for furniture and not for clothing or personal use."

(Police)

"There is a separate fund for clothing etc."

(Offender)

"You can get discharge clothing - jeans and trainers etc."

(Prison Staff)

"I have been in the system since 1984. I won't talk to probation because of a bad experience I had. The last PSR I had was 1984."

(Offender)

"I cant get the 18 day early release if I am going to Dorset Lodge. I was refused my HDC. My probation officer has recommended me for it twice....I have been refused twice."

(Offender)

Not being listened to can make you want to opt out of working with the services.

The crimes we commit can have consequences for many years to come.

You need to be honest to move forward with your life.

"The system just wants to lock us up - police, probation, courts etc."

(Offender)

"That's not the case - you need to work with probation, they write your PSRs, they write everything about you. You really need to keep up a good relationship with them, talk to them about what you need and do and what they ask you to do."

(Agency)

"There's no communication for me in my area (not Dorset) I have tried to speak to my probation officer and change my probation officer. I have very good reasons. I am not being listened to."

(Offender)

"We would like a police officer who can talk to us about MAPPa and probation to come here."

(Offender)

"Can I go on holiday?"

(Offender)

"It depends on the nature of your offence."

(Agency)

"You just cannot travel to any country in the world that you want."

(Agency)

"These are part of the consequences of your actions."

(Police)



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.