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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

Up close and personal.

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 5 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 2 Police & 2 Magistrates

LEARNINGS

"Do you think remembering being in prison stops you from coming back." (Police)

"I've got a mentor in the hostel, it helps. I've been there before I can continue with my education I am weary of all this, I won't forget prison." (Offender)

"I can walk out of here and just forget it and I will." (Offender)

"I had a regular session in a prison it was working for me I was a lot calmer. I moved here and those sessions stopped I haven't got anything else either. I am angry most of the time. I need that help." (Offender)

"I am out in 2 days whilst in here I have gained some bricklaying skills, I did a course in here and I have a job when I get released." (Offender)

Give it a try, despite outside influences. I tried working with an agency, it worked for me.

"You need to work with your probation officer and make them your best friend." (Agency)

"When I got recalled it was for nothing ,they lied about me I didn't get on with my PO. It didn't work from the start." (Offender)

"You may not get what you want when you want it but you should be given a reason for this." (Police)

Start your release with a positive approach. Try to be honest with yourself and others.

"With regards to risk, your past stays with you. You will have restrictions in the community and including not being able to travel to certain countries." (Agency)

"You need three months when you leave here to re- settle, its like a grieving process. This is not real life. I am just going to take my time this time, I know what I have to do and who can help me." (Offender)

Talk through your needs. If you don't like what you are hearing, talk it through, there are usually other considerations, you should hear them.

"I've been put here for re-settlement and I am deemed a risk so I can't get any courses. I am low risk on Oasys and medium to the public. I need something to do, its not helping me." (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.