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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

## The drugs don't work..... so what does?

Tuesdays 9-10:30am Room 9

Participants: 8 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 BCHA & 1 CRI

LEARNINGS

"When I was in treatment, it kept me out of trouble as I had structure in place"  
(Offender)

"The devil makes work for idle hands"  
(Agency)

"You can be recalled on your licence for talking to the wrong crowd in Boscombe"  
(Offender)

"In my experience, Probation won't recall you for that"  
(Agency)

"If you were staying in a Dry house, how would you handle it if you someone using?"  
(Agency)

"I would tell the staff"  
(Offender)

"You'd be a grass and I just wouldn't do that"  
(Offender)

Staff in supported accommodation are responsible for keeping everyone safe.

The Gateway accommodation provide appropriate pathways to accommodation in Poole & Bournemouth.

"If your in a dry house & you use, you'll get kicked out and that could make you go into full relapse"  
(Offender)

"That doesn't happen all the time, we would look at that individuals circumstances, and as long as the were engaging with other agencies we may be able to work with them"  
(Agency)

"You only get out of treatment what you put into it"  
(Agency)

"This time when I get out, am gonna hold onto it with both hands"  
(Offender)



Structure and support can keep you safe.

"Can my probation officer change the times of my curfew so I could go to meetings?"  
(Offender)

"Probation would want to see you engaging with other services before applying to the prison to have your curfew changed"  
(Agency)

"It was the Police's fault that I lost my accommodation. They told my landlady and all my neighbours about me"  
(Offender)

"We haven't got time to go into that right now, but please bring it up in the next dialogue"  
(Agency)

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.