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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

An eye for an eye or three meals a day and a play station?

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

Resettlement Pathway: Drugs / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 13 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 1 B'mouth Council & 1 Police

LEARNINGS

"Where would you like to be if you weren't here?"
(Police)

"At home in bed...with my family."
(Offender)

"Meeting the victim of my burglary changed my life and I got help with my drug addiction...it also changed her life."
(Offender)

"It all starts with the parents and things should be done to introduce parenting skills."
(Agency)

Life is full of contradictions.

"People should be able to defend their families, if there is a bloke in their house he deserves what he gets."
(Offender)

"How come the Police are allowed to beat you up when they arrest you?"
(Offender)

"Both circumstances are covered by the same principles, it needs to be justifiable, necessary and proportionate."
(Prison Staff)

There are rules everywhere – not all of them are written down.

"ASBO's don't work. A lot of people have mental health problems and they need help not locking up, how does that help them?"
(Offender)

"I don't think that Prison is a big enough deterrent – you get three meals a day and all the Play Station you can handle."
(Prison Staff)

The punishment does not always fit the crime.

"Make drugs free – then there would be no crime."
(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.