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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

A tweak a week could help you get back on your feet

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 11 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 1 Police & 2 PD

LEARNINGS

"When I get out I want to see my kids and get on with my life I will forget prison straight away." (Offender)

"We have family days at Guys where your family can come and visit ." (Prison Officer)

"Have you heard of storybook Dads?" (Prison Staff)

"Yes you can record or write a story for your children and it can be made into a book." (Offender)

"I would be interested in doing that." (Offender)

"I still can't get an answer about my housing I have been told just to wait and be patient. I have been homeless since I was 15 its really important to me." (Offender)

There are ways to communicate and keep in touch with your children.

"I have worries about managing my money or how I am going to get money when I get out. I need to get clothes. I don't have any clothes for release." (Offender)

"You can get help around managing your money for example your keyworker at your supported housing, you can apply for a crisis loan and there are basic clothes you can get I believe from Prison." (Police)

"Yes they are basic though." (Prison officer)

We don't always realise what is available in prison. In here we can ask questions and learn.



Talking can make change happen.

"I have been to loads of these sessions I haven't learnt anything relevant to me." (Offender)

"Sometimes its not until later we realise we have picked up on something, its making small changes it doesn't happen overnight. Its good to be able to talk openly here maybe something you have heard could help you now or in the future." (Prison Staff)

"Some people should be good role models because they have been given a position where they have a responsibility to do the right thing and not abuse that position. And if they do they should face the consequences." (Offender)

"One of the purposes of this meeting is to understand and listen to each others views and try and reduce re-offending and resettlement." (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.