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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Without a safe home we are unlikely to succeed

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Accom / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 9 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police & 1 Agency

LEARNINGS

"I thought I had my accommodation all sorted last time I was released. I got to my probation appointment with my bags and was told I had to go to the night shelter. Within 30 mins I had scored crack."
(Offender)

"If you come out with no accommodation, you don't stand a chance. The only people I know are crack addicts, prostitutes & smack heads. If I spend time with them I'll be straight back in."
(Offender)

"The trouble is there's just not enough money spent on the revolving door syndrome. They spend thousands keeping us in here but expect us to survive when we get out on £46. Sometimes we have to wait 10 days before any benefits come through."
(Offender)

Accommodation on release from prison is the most important need. Without this you will fail.

It's not always easy to make a fresh start when you are not easily able to move areas.

Sometimes it seems like any progress made is not recognised and is not reflected in our true risk to the public.

"I really want to come out on a tag this time but I need someone on the outside to believe in me and support me. I need the restriction of the tag to help me initially. This is the first time I've had the support of my family."
(Offender)



"We do our assessments on an individual and personal basis. We talk to you and take your opinion into consideration when making our decision. We wouldn't refuse to accommodate you without talking to you first."
(Agency)

"It's so hard to make a fresh start when it's so difficult to move areas."
(Offender)
"I want to move probation offices as I'm not safe in the area my victims come from. My mate's been shot at as they thought he was me. What more reason do I need to be moved?"
(Offender)

"I'm 48 yrs old and haven't committed any offences since I was 18 yrs old yet they based my Oasys score on offences committed when I was 15-18yrs old."
(Offender)

"I've done courses in prison and my Oasys score has gone up!"
(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.