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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

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but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Morals & Mayhem

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Accom / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 16 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 3 Police & 1 BCHA

LEARNINGS

"I don't like the Police because I've had bad experiences with them but I wouldn't bring my kids up to hate them."

(Offender)

"If you come out and you are in supported accommodation and you get a job you have to pay £180 per week."
"But if you had your own flat; how much do you think that it will cost you?"

(Offenders)

"I'm never going to work, ...I'm going to win the lottery."

"Probation won't let you work, they're setting you up to fail, they want you to fail!"

(Offenders)

Police are people too – good and bad – and they also have to face consequences.

There is little understanding of the MAPPA process – including the professionals.

Different people have different morals – that does not mean that they are right or wrong just that they are different.

"What's the difference between MAPPAs and Prolifics?"

"If you're a MAPPA1 you have one agency working with you, if you are MAPPA2 two agencies involved and MAPPA3 there's three agencies."

(Offenders)



"At what level would you step in if someone was being hurt?"

(Police)

"If it was two blokes I'd let them get on with it, but not if it was a bloke on a woman."

(Offender)

"I wouldn't call the Police."

(Offender)

"Talking about 'means to an end' how do you justify pushing my mother out of the way to get to me?"

"...and what about the risk to the public when you are chasing people in your [Police] car?"

(Offenders)

"How much do you community support officers get then?"

"I reckon you lot do a lot more than the coppers."

(Offenders)

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.