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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

We've all got choices

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 7 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 1 Police & 1 PD

LEARNINGS

"I don't understand why I'm a MAPPA 3. No-one ever comes to see me about it and nobody ever helps me."
(Offender)

"I was a MAPPA 1 and I was quite happy. You can use it to your advantage. There's support out there – take everything you can get."
(Offender)

"You said that you'd absconded from a D Cat before so it's about rebuilding that trust."
(Prison Staff)

"I'm not going to do a 9-5 job when I get out."
"I know that if I come back I'll be an IPP looking at 8 or 9 years."
(Offender)

We all have to live within boundaries and limitations whether inside or outside of prison.

"Do you think you'll see me back here again?"
(Offender)

"Honest answer is yes but why did you ask?"
(Prison Staff)

"Because I've asked everyone and they've said the same."
(Offender)

We have to take responsibility for our own actions and our conscience decides how.

In this group you can hear what others see in you that you don't see yourself.

"At the end of the day you make the choice as to whether you come back or not – don't use courses as an excuse."
(Offender)

"What powers have you really got?"
(Offender)

"Not many but we use our communication skills a lot. We can disperse large groups and we can confiscate alcohol but we cannot restrain."
(PCSO)

"Until you said it just now, I didn't realise that I appear to be setting myself up to fail."
(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.