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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Inside looking out – Who cares?

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Accommodation & Attitudes, Thinking and Behaviour

Participants: 11 Prisoners, 2 Prison Officers, 1 Bournemouth Council, 1 DIVERT officer

LEARNINGS

Crime costs the country millions

There are times when what people think about you is important

Bournemouth is a great place to live

"I know you might not believe this but I do care about you guys, that's why we do these groups, but I know everybody doesn't agree with that and they say 'They're a waste of time'."

Prison Officer

"The government shouldn't send so much money abroad and they should spend it here because crime is the real problem, it costs millions."

Offender

"I'm going to say this now and people can take the p*** out of me if they like; people think that I'm a bit of a joker, but when I need to do something I get it done."

Offender

"When I get out I'm going to be sleeping on the street and all the people I know are either shoplifters, taking drugs or committing crime – I don't know any decent people. How am I supposed to change?"

Offender

"I have lived in Bournemouth in a hostel, does that give me a local connection?"

Offender

"I do agree that Bournemouth is a good place to live, it's one of the best places in the country."

Offender

"To get something when you go out you need to go through the CARATs, who then send you onto IDTS and they'll refer you to the outside."

Prison Officer

"We come to these groups and talk and nothing ever changes."

Offender

"Things take time, they don't change overnight. Things have changed; like the new landlord scheme in Bournemouth."

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.