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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Abuse comes in many forms

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

Participants: 7 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 Bmth Council, 1 Agency

LEARNINGS

'My probation officer gave me loads of chances, too many really, they did try to work with me'

Offender

'I won't let my kids come and visit me in prison'

Offender

'I will let my parents but I won't let my grandparents visit, I don't want them seeing me in here like this'

Offender

'How do you feel being responsible for sending people to prison?'

Offender

'My view is that it's a persons behaviour that will mean they end up in prison'

Agency

Domestic Abuse is about power.

There are consequences to certain types of behaviour

'People seem to get recalled for quite arbitrary reasons, how does it work?'

Prison Officer

'Probation make decisions based around all the information about the individual and their license'

Police Officer

Prison is no place for kids; it's not that great for adults!

'I was arrested cos' I was shouting at my girlfriend in the street because she'd slept with my best friend'

Offender

'Is it acceptable to shout at people if you have the power?'

Agency

'Abuse is based on power and it's about power in balance, so if you're a really big bloke shouting at a small woman she's going to be frightened because she doesn't know what's going to happen'

Police Officer

'Where do you want to be in 10 years time?'

Offender

'I just want to have a nice house, kids and not be here'

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.