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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Prison past, prison present...prison future?

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Accommodation, Education, Training and Employment

14 Participants: 9 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 4 Agency Staff

LEARNINGS

"I know him and I wouldn't want to go into one of his properties, they're skank"
Offender

"You're coming out of prison; you've got to prove yourself in a property before you get moved up into something decent"
Agency

"I've got some news, we've got 2 private landlords in Bournemouth who are working with Bournemouth Council so that people will leave here and be able to go straight into private accommodation"
Agency

"When I get out I hook up with women in the hostels that I go to, they have drug problems and that's how I get back into trouble...I've done that so many times I've burnt my bridges"
Offender

Nothing stays the same, things do improve and people do change

If you do what you've always done you're going to get what you've always got

"Surely it's the person in the property that counts, it depends on how you treat it"
Offender

"You could put a pig into Buckingham Palace and within 2 weeks it will have turned into a sty"
Agency

"I get my hopes up and then I get turned down for it because my probation officer won't support me"
Offender

"You've got to live in hope but plan for the worst...This is the way it works ...you've got to aim high and not expect to reach it but you might get somewhere near it"
Offender

"I work with a police officer who I think would really benefit from coming to these Dialogues. He's told me that he doesn't think people can change, so I'm working on him to attend one of these"
Agency

"I've been inside so many times at Christmas it's just another day to me...it's spending New Year in here that bothers me"
Offender

"I'll be talking to my family on the phone over Christmas, I've been inside so much of my life my kid thinks I'm just a voice in the telephone"
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.