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## BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMYOI PORTLAND

There is light at the end of the tunnel

Thursdays 2.15pm – 3.45pm

Participants: 8 Service Users, 1 B'mouth Council, 2 Prison Staff, 1 Volunteer, 1 ex-offender, 2 Hope Housing

### LEARNINGS

"I used to look through the bars at the lemons walking in to the prison and tonight I'm one of the lemons"

Ex-Offender

"I feel comfortable in here now and I think it's scary going out"

Offender

"If I'd been working I probably wouldn't have been arrested"

Offender

None of us are free

We can recognise true friendship

"When I saw the agency worker I thought there's no way I'm staying, there's no way I'm putting up with this...now I know I wasn't ready to change"

Offender

"I'll go back to the same area and the same people will be there...when your mates phone you up to go out for a drink..."

Offender

"You feel like you're letting them down"

Agency

"It's always the scumbags that want to know you...the good people keep their distance and those are the ones that you really need"

Offender

"I've not thought about freedom and simple things like walking in the rain...I watch people walking on the hill from my cell and when I get out I want to do that"

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.