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POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Thursdays 3pm – 5pm United Reform Church

Family Illness

Participants: 7 Clients, 1 Police & 1 Routes to Roots

LEARNINGS

"My grandad recently died unexpectedly. His will has caused major problems within the family. We were all once close but its now like a war. I'm stuck in the middle expected to mediate." (Client)

"My mum was ill and I felt I had to help as much as I could. My sister and dad buried their heads in the sand and just hoped it would go away." (Client)

"I coped with a serious illness in the family by escaping. I just felt I couldn't do anything." (Client)

Never underestimate the stress that a loved ones illness may cause.

"I wish I had never visited my dying grandad in hospital. He was a fit and active man. I now remember him as a dying man." (Client)

"When I was young I was not allowed to see my grandparent before they died. I now see why that was a good decision. My memories of them are unclouded." (Agency)



Death can tear a family apart.

"I don't think my mum would want to see her really ill. She is very proud and has always said she doesn't want to live as a dependent." (Agency)

"I struggle between my faith and the issue of euthanasia. I can though understand the benefits it may bring to some people." (Client)

"An able bodied person always has the choice to end their life. Why should a disabled person have that choice taken from them." (Client)

Talk about death however difficult that may be.

Poole Threshold Dialogue brings Poole ex-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.