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POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Work is great therapy if you can get it
Resettlement Pathway: Training, Employment / Mental, Physical Health

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm DAAT, North Road

Participants: 1 Police & 5 Service Users

LEARNINGS

“My incapacity benefit has been stopped. I am fit for work. I do want to get off benefits and get back to work but I am still struggling with headaches and I have such a bad temper.”
(Service User)

“Does prison really help people with mental illness? Are the prisons full because of care in the community? What causes all this crime?”
(Service User)

“This is a great release, just to talk about stuff.”
(Service User)

Think of what you can do.

“All of us in this room could work.”
(Service User)

“I may look well to you and I don't really know why I'm on DLA. My social worker sorts it out for me. I have a history of mental illness. I sometimes get really low and can't function properly. Things just get on top of me.”
(Service User)



Volunteering gives me routine.

Mental illness is often unnoticed.

“You should kick start yourself back to work. Think of something you can do, not things that you can't.”
(Agency)

“Routine can help, even just going out for a paper every morning can be enough reason to get out of bed.”
(Service User)

“I just take you as you appear to me now. Conversation is a great thing. It is humanising.”
(Agency)

Poolle Threshold Dialogue brings Poolle 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.