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POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm DAAT, North Road

Drugs, the easy option

Participants: 3 Service Users, 2 Police, 1 Probation & 2 Smart

LEARNINGS

"I have the contacts to get grade a cuttings and the previous knowledge to make a lot of money growing cannabis. I've changed and don't want to be involved in this type of thing anymore. Coming to dialogue really helps."
(Service User)

"I still get really bad headaches and that can affect my judgement. Recently I combated violence with violence and since then I have had no problems. I do know there are other ways of dealing with my problems and I have got support."
(Service User)

"Why are drugs not legalised. It seems to be the most obvious solution."
(Agency)

Turn your back on drugs.

Drugs cause nothing but harm.

"Drugs can have very serious consequences for people's health and to basically say they are ok by legalising them would be a massive political blunder not to mention the potential rise in use of toxic substances."
(Agency)



There is always another way to deal with issues.

"Cannabis is often considered to be safe. I know from personal experience how much it can effect people. My brother was constantly monged. Since he stopped smoking pot he is bright as a button."
(Service User)

"I suffered with amphetamine psychosis and do not want to go back there. Drugs can have permanent psychological effects. They can be addictive."
(Service User)

"I suffered paranoia when I was smoking. I won't touch the stuff any more."
(Service User)

"In some cultures drugs are used to create visions and provide an essential tool for the local medicine man. These cultures are ancient and do not have to cope with modern life in a western culture. As a society we should be looking forward and not using ancient tradition to form our opinion."
(Service User)

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.