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POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm DAAT, North Road

Temptation is a destructive feeling

Participants: 4 Service Users, 2 Police & 1 Routes to Roots

LEARNINGS

“A couple of guys were giving me some verbal. I was so tempted to have a go back at them with my fists. I didn’t and just walked off. Now I feel like a right pussy for not fighting them.”

(Service User)

“The pussy is the one who does retaliate with violence, you did the right thing and you know it was right. Your life has changed dramatically over the last 2 years, why throw it away for a couple of idiots who are all mouth.”

(Agency)

“Temptation to offend or return to old habits comes from many triggers. Mine are the people I used to knock about with and my old haunts.”

(Service User)

Look outside of your four walls to stem your boredom.

Avoiding triggers for temptation is not always possible. Plan for it.

Walk away from temptation, give yourself time.

“When I get together with an old friend the temptation to smoke is always strong. Sometimes I do, mostly I don’t, but it can be hard.”

(Agency)

“Volunteering is a great way of meeting new people and engaging in a worthwhile job.”

(Agency)

“You should have a plan if you are tempted to do or take something whether it is a person or a place to turn to.”

(Agency)

“Boredom is still a major issue for returning to drink or offending behaviour. I’ve been in this area for 5 years now and don’t believe I’ve got anywhere. I’m thinking of returning home, where I will hang out with my old friends and who knows what may happen.”

(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.