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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMYOI PORTLAND

Fridays

Dialogue moving forward

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 8 Offenders, 8 Prison Staff, 2 B'mouth Council & 1 other

LEARNINGS

"Why can't the police be told how we're doing, how we've changed?"

(Offender)

"When I told my probation officer I wanted to help others he laughed at me."

(Offender)

"People treat me for who I was in the past rather than for who I am now."

(Offender)

Providing this space and time to talk as equals is a good thing.

To be listened to is empowering.

"It's interesting to see that people have the same problems but in different areas."

(Offender)



Getting past people's labels is a vital thing.

"It's OK to have a disagreement or an argument; it's how you deal with it."

(Offender)

"Why do I get the help as a MAPPA rather than someone else who is more prolific and needs the help more?"

(Offender)

"You have to remember that you're half-way through your sentence and that's your opportunity to demonstrate you have changed."

(Agency)

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.