

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 29 October 2021

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of seven years, comprised of a custodial term of four years and an extended period of supervision on licence of three years.

### **Test for release**

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to consider whether it remains necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender should be confined.

### **Decision**

3. The Board was not satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

### **Reasons for decision**

4. In reaching its decision, the Board considered:
  - a) the circumstances of the index offence, and any offending history;
  - b) formal risk assessments prepared on the offender;
  - c) the offender's conduct since sentence, and intentions if released;
  - d) all relevant information in the dossier; and
  - e) the evidence heard at the hearing.
5. The Board noted that the offender had plans to cope with their risk factors, and had put thought into how these would work in the community. They had self-reported previously on identified issues. The Board considered that the offender had displayed clear motivation, intentions and plans which demonstrated that they met the test for release. They were appropriately empathetic and distressed about the victims and families they had caused harm to through their offending.
6. The Board had to consider whether it was necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender should be confined. Nothing was noted which related to the issue of serious harm. The Board considered that the offender had demonstrated the capacity to be open and honest when they had made mistakes. The Board considered that the licence conditions set were proportionate and sufficient to manage any risks which may present in the community.