

SUMMARY



Date considered: 28 February 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was nine years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to be satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender should be confined.

Decision

3. The Board was 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 offender had engaged positively at the Open Estate and undertaken a number of successful home leaves, all of which passed without incident. They had engaged with all services and were willing to accept every area of support available to them. Their supervising officer was confident in their recommendation of release and had a robust risk management plan in place for the offender in the community.
6. The supervising officer confirmed that they did not consider the offender to present a risk of serious harm to the public, and was assured that they were motivated to comply with all aspects of supervision. In evidence, the offender demonstrated a better insight into their risks and a willingness to comply with everything that will be required of them to ensure their safe management in the community.
7. In all of the circumstances, the Board agreed that that the legal test had been met, and directed release subject to licence conditions which it considered lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage the offender's risk.