

SUMMARY



Date considered: 05 April 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was ten 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 Board accepted the clear evidence of both prison-based and community-based social work that the risk posed by the offender could be managed in the community at this stage. A good relationship had been built up between the offender and their supervising officer. Their risks were reasonably well understood. A robust risk management plan had been created. Better understanding of communication had been assisted by the terms of a psychological report. The offender had undertaken successful home leaves and a period of stability. They would require to be supported. This appeared to be appreciated by the offender and by those responsible for their management.
6. The Board directed release on conditions which it seemed necessary, lawful and proportionate to manage the offender's level of risk.