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Date considered: 04 April 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 12 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 been in prison for a significant period of time, had a number of health issues which led to very restricted mobility, and required significant personal care within the prison setting. With that background, and with a background of very serious offending, considerable effort had been invested by social work in finding a suitable plan for release. The offender had not offended for almost three decades, and since that time both their health and mobility had been decreasing.
6. The result of the considerable work invested by social work partners was that there was in place a very detailed Risk Management Plan (RMP) which contained robust measures to manage the risk presented by the offender. Very full reports had been received from both prison-based and community-based social work, alongside Risk Management Case Conference minutes.
7. The RMP detailed release to specialist care home to deal with individuals who had displayed problematic offending behaviour in the past. That plan specifically dealt with the issues the offender had in the past, and did so while also meeting their care and mobility needs. The RMP was thorough and well thought out, and together with the hope that the offender would continue to receive medication

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was a plan that would ensure the risks presented were managed to a degree that resulted in it no longer being necessary for the protection of the public that they continue to be confined in a prison environment.

8. Given the exceptional, detailed and robust package of measures designed to supervise, monitor and manage the risk presented by the offender, the Board considered that the test for release had been met.