

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 24 July 2023

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 14 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the panel 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 panel was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

Reasons for decision

4. In reaching its decision, the panel 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 committed a serious, violent, offence which represented a significant escalation from his previous offending. They have been of good behaviour in prison. The offender progressed to the open estate where they have had the opportunity to be tested in the community. There have been no suspected breaches and no concerns raised about their conduct or behaviour. There has been no violence.
6. The offender was open in their responses to questions from the panel. They acknowledged their significant risk factor. The offender had insight into the fact that they would need help and support on release and they knew where to go for that help. The offender has now had a significant amount of testing in the community without issue.