

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 27 March 2024

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 4 years, 3 months.

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 index offence. They have a history of previous offending involving violence. However, the offender has engaged positively in programme work to understand and minimise their risks. They appear to have made good progress in building a relationship of openness and honesty with social workers so that they are now confident that the offender's risks can be managed safely in the community and they are supportive of their release. The offender appears motivated to engage with community supports and to live a pro-social life.
6. Taking all of the available evidence into account, the panel is satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender should be confined and directs their release.