

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 29 April 2024

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 2 years and 2 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's index offending was extremely serious. They have another conviction for violence which involved the use of a knife and it is clear that they are capable of causing serious harm.
6. It seemed to the panel that the offender's risks were much better understood than they had been prior to their index offending. The offender engaged with professionals, and latterly had undertaken offence-focused work while undertaking unescorted day releases. They appear to have engaged well with professionals and demonstrated compliance with rules. The offender also demonstrated insight into their offending and how to avoid this being repeated in the future.
7. The panel noted the support for release from the professionals, and concluded that the offender's risks could be managed. On that basis, it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that they remain confined and therefore released the offender on licence conditions.