

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 08 July 2024

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 5 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 serious, violent, offending. They have shown themselves to be capable of causing serious harm in the past.
6. Taking all of the information available to it into account, the panel is satisfied that the legal test is met. The offender has progressed to the Open Estate where they have made good progress and received good reports. They have demonstrated the ability to comply with licence conditions and supervision. The offender's evidence to the panel demonstrated insight into their risks, and that they had strategies to manage these. The offender stated that they are willing to seek support when they need it.
7. Accordingly, the Board directed release on licence conditions which it deemed lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage the offender's level of risk in the community.