

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 09 July 2024

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 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 has been in prison for nearly 30 years. Since 2014, they have worked hard to progress through the prison estate. Their reports are good. They have consistently demonstrated on a significant number of home leaves that they are capable of managing themselves safely in the community. The offender has engaged well with their social workers.
6. The panel accepted the offender's evidence that they are motivated and able to engage with everything their supervising officer requires or suggests might be helpful for them.
7. The offender's social workers recommended their release. The panel agreed with their opinions and directed the offender's release on licence conditions. The licence conditions are lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage the risk which the offender poses.