

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 09 August 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. In the offender's index offence, they caused catastrophic and fatal harm to one victim and serious harm to three others, two of whom were young children at the time.
6. Despite the offender's assessed risks, they had managed to engage successfully in extensive community testing without incident. Their risks were regarded by professionals to be manageable in the community.
7. Professionals supported the offender's release.
8. The offender spoke of their positive intentions for release and evidenced an understanding of their risks.
9. Accordingly, the panel directed release on licence conditions which it deemed lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage the offender's level of risk in the community