

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: November 2024

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence

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.
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 was described as engaging, compliant and open and honest with professionals.
6. The community based social worker told the panel that they had noticed a real shift in the offender's willingness to work with professionals and that this positive change had been evident. The offender was now engaging fully with all of the supports available to them
7. In evidence, the offender expressed a good insight into where things have gone wrong for them in the past. The offender was able to identify their risk factors and warning signs and was determined to succeed
8. Both the prison and community based social workers supported the offender's release at this juncture. There was a plan in place for them in the community with full support.
9. The panel concurred with their views and has directed the offender's release.