

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 25 February 2025

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 4 years and 8 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 panel were fully satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender remained confined. The offender had challenges to meet, but their attitude had matured since they were in prison. The Community-Based Social Worker was fully in support of release and provided credible and reliable evidence of the offender's suitability for being managed on licence in the community. Both the Community Based Social Worker and the offender said that they have a positive relationship and were fully confident that the offender would inform the Community Based Social Worker if there were any issues and follow their directions.
6. The offender had undertaken a number of home leaves from the Open Estate with no concerns. The offender has approved accommodation, which is supportive and likely to inform the social worker of any arising issues.
7. The offender's risk factors included, risk taking behaviours poor emotional management, boredom and association with negative peers, there was no evidence that any of these factors are currently active. The offender hoped to be able to find employment so that they can establish a positive routine which will help to mitigate their risk of causing serious harm.

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8. The panel agreed that the risks which the offender poses can be safely managed in the community and that it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender remained confined. It therefore directed release on the licence conditions previously intimated.

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