

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 05 March 2025

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 9 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 murder at a young age. They have committed further violent offences during previous periods in the community which resulted in them being recalled to custody. They have shown themselves to be capable of causing serious harm in the past. The offender has, however, made significant progress in recent years. Their prison and community offender managers have seen improvement in their attitudes and behaviour. They have undertaken offence focused work and were able to speak about what they had learned from that about the triggers for their offending and coping strategies to help them avoid getting into trouble in the future. They appear motivated to engage with support services and to comply with supervision and management in the community.
6. Taking all the evidence available to it into account, the panel was satisfied that the offender met the legal test for release.