

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 31 March 2025

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 13 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 their victim.
6. When last in the community prior to their recall, they breached several licence conditions over a very short period.
7. However, prior to that their compliance had been considered to be good.
8. Since returning to custody, they have engaged positively with services. The offender intends to continue to engage with services in the community on release.
9. The offender's risks appear to be well understood by their supervising officer. Their evidence to the hearing very much impressed the Panel. Their confidence that they could now manage the offender's risks in the community was extremely persuasive when finding the offender met the statutory test for re-release.