

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 22 October 2021

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was nine years.

### **Test for release**

2. Before it could direct release, the Board 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 Board was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

### **Reasons for decision**

4. In reaching its decision, the Board 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 had been at the Open Estate (OE) for several years with no adverse circumstance reports, but through no fault of their own had only limited community access. They had experienced a limited number of home leaves since their last review, and there had been no public safety concerns. Suitable temporary accommodation had been identified for the offender, with permanent accommodation expected to follow relatively quickly. Furthermore, the offender had an extensive community support package in place and would be supported by a wide range of professionals, including several with whom they had engaged in the past.
6. The Board considered that there was insufficient evidence that the offender poses a risk of significant harm to the public which requires them to remain confined. The Board did not agree with social work that the offender had demonstrated a lack of compliance with professionals. The Board had no reason to consider that the offender was antagonistic towards their supervising officer or would not comply with their requirements and therefore directed release.