## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)\*

# Verona Pharma plc

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares, nominal value £0.05 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

> 925050106 (CUSIP Number)

John Heard Abingworth LLP Princes House 38 Jermyn Street London, England SW1Y 6DN +44 20 7534 1500 (Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

> April 29, 2022 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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#### **Explanatory Note**

This Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D ("Amendment No. 2") amends and supplements the Schedule 13D originally filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on May 8, 2017 (as amended to date, the "Schedule 13D"), relating to the ordinary shares, nominal value £0.05 per share (the "Ordinary Shares"), of Verona Pharma plc, a public limited company organized under the laws of the United Kingdom (the "Issuer"). Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13D.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) – (b) The following sets forth, as of the date of this Schedule 13D, the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares and percentage of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons, as well as the number of Ordinary Shares as to which each Reporting Person has the sole power to vote or to direct the vote, shared power to vote or to direct the vote, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, as of the date hereof, based on 482,944,390 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of April 29, 2022, as disclosed in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on May 3, 2022.

	Amount		Sole power to vote or	Shared power to vote or to	Sole power to dispose or to direct	Shared power to dispose or to
Reporting Person	beneficially owned	Percent of class	to direct the vote	direct the vote	the disposition	direct the disposition
Abingworth LLP	21,313,822	4.4%	0	21,313,822	0	21,313,822
Abingworth Bioventures VI LP	21,313,822	4.4%	0	21,313,822	0	21,313,822

Includes the following securities held of record by held of record by Abingworth Bioventures VI LP: (i) 1 Ordinary Share, (ii) 19,660,000 Ordinary Shares underlying 2,457,500 American Depository Shares, and (iii) 1,404,221 Ordinary Shares underlying warrants convertible within 60 days of the date hereof. Also includes 249,600 Ordinary Shares underlying stock options exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.

Abingworth Bioventures VI LP has delegated to Abingworth LLP all investment and dispositive power over the securities held of record by Abingworth Bioventures VI LP. Accordingly, each of the foregoing entities may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the securities held of record by Abingworth Bioventures VI LP, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities.

(c) During the past 60 days, the Reporting Persons have not effected any transactions with respect to the Ordinary Shares.

(d) None.

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(e) As of approximately April 29, 2022, the Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the outstanding Ordinary Shares.

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### SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: August 11, 2022

### Abingworth LLP

By:/s/ John HeardName:John HeardTitle:Authorized Signatory

#### Abingworth Bioventures VI LP

By: /s/ John Heard Name: John Heard Title: Authorized Signatory

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