FORM 4

# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Rickard Kathleen A.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Verona Pharma plc [ VRNA ]									all app	licable) tor	ng Pe	rson(s) to Is	vner
(Last)	ast) (First) (Middle) MORE LONDON				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2024									<b>V</b>	Officer (give title Other (special below)  Chief Medical Officer				specify
RIVERSIDE					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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(City) (State) (Zip)					Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication														
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye	ear) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		),   Ť	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			d 5) Securi Benefi Owned		ities Folicially (D d Following (I)		m: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								G	ode	v A	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			orted saction(s) rr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup> 08/01/202-				4	1			F <sup>(2)</sup>		106,232(2)	D	\$2.832	2.8325(3)		2,515,320(4)		D		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Exec if an			Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		oate Exer piration E onth/Day		7. Titl Amou Secur Unde Deriv Secur 3 and	int of rities rlying ative rity (Instr.	Deri Sec	rice of evative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Reported securities are represented by American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), each of which represents eight (8) Ordinary Shares of the Issuer.
- 2. Represents the number of Ordinary Shares withheld to satisfy the tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of certain previously reported Restricted Share Units.
- 3. The price reported represents the closing price of the Issuer's ADSs on the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC on July 31, 2024 divided by eight (8).
- 4. Consists of (i) 635,000 Ordinary Shares underlying Restricted Share Units, each of which represents a contingent right to receive one (1) Ordinary Share of the Issuer (which are represented by 79,375 ADSs); and (ii) 1,880,320 Ordinary Shares underlying 235,040 ADSs.

#### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney.

/s/ Andrew Fisher, Attorneyin-Fact for Kathleen A.

08/05/2024

Rickard

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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## SECTION 16 AND FORM 144 POWER OF ATTORNEY

With respect to holdings of and transactions in securities issued by Verona Pharma plc (the "Company"), the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints the individuals named on <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto and as may be amended from time to time, or any of them signing singly, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to act as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, Schedules 13D and 13G in accordance with Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), and the rules thereunder, and Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder, and Notices of Proposed Sale of Securities Pursuant to Rule 144 ("*Form 144*"), in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Securities Act*"); and
- do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, and Form 144, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and to timely file such Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, and Form 144, as applicable, and any amendment thereto, with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and resubstitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorneys-in-fact substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 13 and Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file any Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, and Form 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2024.

/s/ Kathleen Rickard
Kathleen Rickard

# Schedule A

# INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, WITH FULL POWER OF SUBSTITUTION AND RESUBSTITUTION

- 1. Andrew Fisher
- 2. Mark Hahn