## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cooke Shane</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Alkermes plc. [ ALKS ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director					
	(Fi UGHT HO INGTON R	USE	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2017									President, Alk		below)		
(Street) DUBLIN 4 IRELAND					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(Si		(Zip)																
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deri\	ative	Sec	curiti	es Ad	quire	l, Dis	posed	of, or B	eneficia	lly Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,		Code	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		Benefi	ies cially Following	6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	ct   c	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	Price		ction(s)			(1130.14)		
Ordinary Shares 01/09/2				9/2017	2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		550	A	\$14	.6 6	1,494	D					
Ordinary Shares 01/09/2					9/2017	2017		S <sup>(2)</sup>		550	550 D \$6		27 6	7 63,944					
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L. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ate Execution	Date, Trans Code		nnsaction de (Instr.		of E		5. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		Amount of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(D) rect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$14.6	01/09/2017			M <sup>(1)</sup>			550	(3)	1	.0/05/2021	Ordinary Shares	550	\$0	24,000	D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ This \ option \ exercise \ was \ effected \ pursuant \ to \ a \ Rule \ 10b5-1 \ trading \ plan \ adopted \ by \ the \ reporting \ person.$
- 2. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- 3. These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

/s/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorneyin-fact for Shane Cooke

01/10/2017

\*\* 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).

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