

Witness Name: Dr Ross Mervis

Statement No WITN0073001

Dated: 7 November 2025

THE NOTTINGHAM ENQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF DR ROSS MIRVIS

INTRODUCTION

1. I am a consultant forensic psychiatrist employed by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust and work at Ashworth Hospital High Secure Unit in Liverpool. I attend HMP Altcourse as a visiting psychiatrist one day a week. I hold the professional qualifications of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and Membership of Royal College of Psychiatrists (MRCPsych). I also hold a master's degree in Mental Health Law. I am approved by the Secretary of State as having special experience in the diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders under section 12 (2) of the Mental Health Act (MHA) 1983 (2007). I have been Mr Calocane's Responsible Clinician since his admission to Ashworth Hospital on 1 November 2023.
2. This witness statement is made to assist the Nottingham Inquiry (the "**Inquiry**") with the matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 9 October 2025 (the "**Request**").

BACKGROUND

3. I have been asked to set out a chronological account of my involvement in the criminal proceedings relating to Valdo Calocane and to respond to specific questions regarding my court report dated 14 January 2024 relating to substance misuse.
4. I completed a psychiatric report, for the criminal proceedings, commissioned by the defence on 14 January 2024 (CPSE0000484).
5. I gave evidence in Mr Calocane's sentencing hearing on the morning of 24 January 2024. I was asked by the Court of Appeal to complete an addendum report which I did on 14 April 2024 (WITN0073002).
6. In relation to paragraph 9.8 of my report, substance misuse was an important factor to consider in making a diagnosis around Mr Calocane's mental health issues. It was also important to understand when formulating the risk he posed to others. Finally, substance misuse was important for considering whether therapies addressing it, might be required in his case.
7. Mr Calocane reported using cannabis only once and I felt this was not a significant factor in the development of his schizophrenia. I therefore did not explore this in any further depth. I did not feel that treatment and future management, in his case, should have particular focus on substance misuse.
8. I was not aware of any information indicating a history of substantial illicit substance use. The other psychiatric reports written for the court and the past medical records I received appeared to be consistent with this.

9. I believe drug testing could have been helpful to investigate more definitively as to whether any substance misuse was used at the time. That said Mr Calocane continued to display psychotic symptoms several months into his hospital admission when he was not thought to have access to illicit substances and had trialled maximum dose antipsychotic medication. This was supportive of the nature of his psychotic illness being an enduring one that was treatment resistant and not drug induced.

10. I have no other matters that I wish to draw to the attention of the Chair.

Statement of Truth

I believe the content of this statement to be true. I understand proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest believe of its truth.

Signed:

GRO-B

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No.	URN	Document Description
1.	CPSE0000484	Expert Report by Dr Ross Mirvis, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Ashworth Hospital re: Psychiatric Report on Valdo Calocane (aka Adam Mendes) dated 14 January 2024
2.	WITN0073002	Expert Report by Dr Ross Mirvis, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Ashworth Hospital re: Psychiatric Report on Valdo Calocane (aka Adam Mendes) dated 14 April 2024