

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC
Form 6-K
December 16, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of
1934

December 16, 2011

Commission File Number 001-14978

SMITH & NEPHEW plc
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street
London, England WC2N 6LA
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.]

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TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES:

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: ii Smith & Nephew plc

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights X

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: iii Invesco Limited

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):iv

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: v 15 December 2011

6. Date on which issuer notified: 16 December 2011

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: vi, vii 5%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares viii, ix

| Class/type of shares | Situation previous to the triggering transaction | Resulting situation after the triggering transaction | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Number of Shares | Number of Voting Rights | Number of shares Direct | Number of voting rights Direct xi | Indirect xii | % of voting rights x Indirect |
| if possible using the ISIN CODE | | | | | | | |
| ORD USD0.20 GB0009223206 | 44,321,016 | 44,321,016 | | | 44,901,016 | | 5.02% |

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date xiii | Exercise/ Conversion Period xiv | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted. | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| | | | | |

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments xv, xvi

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

| Type of financial instrument | Exercise price | Expiration date xvii | Exercise/Conversion period xviii | Number of voting rights instrument refers to | % of voting rights xix, xx | Nominal | Delta |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------|-------|
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Total (A+B+C)

| Number of voting rights | Percentage of voting rights |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 44,901,016 | 5.02% |

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: xxi

Bank of Ireland Dublin - 280,461
 Bank of New York - 24,874,730
 Bank of New York Mellon - 814,501
 Citibank Hong Kong - 197,688
 Chase Frankfurt - 51,233
 HSBC Bank plc London - 449,390
 Japan Trustee Services Bank -92,035
 Master Trust Bank JP - 8,342
 Societe Generale FR - 41,060
 State Street Trust & Banking London - 5,192,046
 Trust & Custody Services JP - 2,294
 Northern Trust Company London - 106,091
 ADR's Ratio 1:5 - 1,860,215
 Invesco Advisers Inc - 10,906,298
 Invesco PowerShares Capital Management Ltd - 24,632

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

13. Additional information:

14. Contact name:

Samantha Edwards

15. Contact telephone number:

01491 416381

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Deputy Company Secretary

Smith & Nephew plc

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew Plc
(Registrant)

Date: December 16, 2011

Susan Henderson

By: /s/ Susan Henderson

Company Secretary