

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)

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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

By: /s/ Susan Henderson

Susan Henderson

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Company Secretary