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Form 6-K  
April 09, 2002

FORM 6-K

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

April 9, 2002

SMITH & NEPHEW plc  
(Registrant's name)

Heron House  
15 Adam Street  
London, England WCN 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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Yes                                      No      X  
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The Secretary  
London Stock Exchange  
Company Announcement Office  
Old Broad Street

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London  
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Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been notified today that the following directors of the Company have been granted nil cost options over ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each by the Trustees of the Smith & Nephew Employees' Share Trust as a result of the vesting of an award pursuant to the Smith & Nephew Long-Term Incentive Plan on 8 April 2002:

C.J. O'Donnell	183,040
P. Hooley	116,959

The period of exercise for these options will commence immediately and end on 8 April 2009.

C.J. O'Donnell now has options over 514,303 ordinary shares and P. Hooley options over 450,682 ordinary shares.

As a result of the transfer of 188,790 shares to other beneficiaries pursuant to the Smith & Nephew Long-Term Incentive Plan on 8 April 2002 all executive directors cease to be potential discretionary beneficiaries of the 188,790 shares previously held by the Trustees of Smith & Nephew Employees' Share Trust. The Trust now holds a total of 919,171 ordinary shares representing 0.1% of the share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers  
Assistant Company Secretary