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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of October, 2017

PEARSON plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

80 Strand London, England WC2R 0RL 44-20-7010-2000 (Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F X Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes No X

# TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

| 1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attachedii:  1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)  Non-UK issuer  2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")  An acquisition or disposal of voting rights  An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments |                            |  |                       |                       |  |  | X           |
|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| An event changing the breakdown of voting rights Other (please specify)iii: Type 1 Disclosure as per the Transparency Directive II Regulation 3. Details of person subject to the notification obligationiv  |                            |  |                       |                       |  |  | X           |
| Name City and country of reg 4. Full name of shareho Name  | oplicable)                 | Schroders plc<br>London, UK                          |                       |                       |  |  |             |
| City and country of registered office (if applicable)  5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedvi:  6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY):  7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation  |                            |  |                       |                       |  |  |             |
| 7. Total positions of pe   | % of voting right:         | % of voting rights attached to hares (total of 8. A) |                       | oting h al nents( 1 + | Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B)                         | Total<br>number of<br>voting<br>rights of<br>issuervii |             |
| Resulting situation on the date on which<br>threshold was crossed or reached<br>Position of previous notification (if<br>applicable)   |                            | 13.003%  |                       | N/A                   |  | 13.003%  | 819,501,565 |
|  |                            | 12.005%  |                       | N/A                   |  | 12.005%  |             |
| 8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedviii A: Voting rights attached to shares  Number of voting rightsix % of voting rights   |                            |  |                       |                       |  |  |             |
| Class/type of shares<br>ISIN code (if possible)  | Direct (Art 9 of Directive | Indirect (Art 10 of                                  | Direct<br>(Art 9 of D | irective              | Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/ (DTR5.2.1) 13.003% |  | 4/109/EC)   |
| GB0006776081   |                            | 106,556,810  |                       |                       |  |  |             |
| SUBTOTAL 8. A  | 106,556,810                |  | 13.003%               |                       |  |  |             |
| B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))  Type of financial Expirationdatex Exercise/ConversionNumber of voting % of voting rights instrument Periodxi rights that may be   |                            |  |                       |                       |  |  |             |

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acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted. N/A N/A

N/A

SUBTOTAL 8. B 1 N/A

N/A

% of voting rights

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))Expirationdatex Physical Exercise/ConversionNumber of voting Period xi Cottle Physical Physic

Type of financial

instrument

N/A N/A N/A

> SUBTOTAL 8.B.2 N/A

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an "X")

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuerxiii Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or thefinancial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entityxiv (please add additional X rows as necessary)

% of voting rights if it equals or is % of voting rights through financial

higher than the notifiable threshold

instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold

both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold

Total of

Schroders plc Schroder Administration

Schroder Wealth Holdings

Limited

Limited

Namexv

Schroder & Co. Limited

Schroders plc

Schroder Administration

Limited

Schroder Wealth Holdings

Limited

Schroders (C.I.) Limited

Schroders plc

Schroder Administration

Limited

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Schroder International Holdings Limited

Schroder Investment Management Limited

12.609%

N/A

12.609%

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify: Name of the proxy holder The number and % of voting rights held The date until which the voting rights will be held

### 11. Additional informationxvi

Place of completion London, UK
Date of completion 26th October 2017

Natalie White Deputy Company Secretary Pearson plc

27 October 2017

### **SIGNATURE**

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.

PEARSON plc

Date: 27 October 2017

By: /s/ NATALIE WHITE

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Natalie White

**Deputy Company Secretary**