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 Form 6-K  
 May 07, 2003

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

May 7, 2003

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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 Act of 1934.]

Yes   No      
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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: May 7, 2003

By: /s/ Paul Chambers  
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Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

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The Secretary  
London Stock Exchange  
RNS  
Old Broad Street  
London  
EC2N 1HP

Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been notified on 5 May 2003, pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), by FMR Corp and Fidelity International Limited that they have a notifiable interest in 72,983,703 ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each in the Company representing 7.85% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers  
Company Secretary