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 Form 6-K
 March 11, 2004

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

March 11, 2004

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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Yes No X
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Yes No X
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registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b) : 82- n/a.

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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: March 11, 2004

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

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9 March 2004

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

Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been notified today, pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), by The Capital Group Companies, Inc, that they have a notifiable interest in 63,396,025 ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each in the Company representing 6.78% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers
Company Secretary

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Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been notified today, 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 77,502,828 ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each in the Company representing 8.29% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers
Company Secretary