

Covidien plc  
Form 8-K  
November 16, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities and Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 14, 2012

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COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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Ireland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-33259 (Commission File Number)	98-0624794 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
20 On Hatch, Lower Hatch Street Dublin 2, Ireland (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)		
+353 (1) 438-1700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 14, 2012, Timothy M. Donahue, the lead director of the Company's Board of Directors, notified the Board of his decision not to stand for re-election at the Company's 2013 annual general meeting of shareholders. This decision is not the result of any disagreement between Mr. Donahue and the Company or its management. The Company and the Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Donahue's service to the Board and the Company.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

COVIDIEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

By: /s/ John W. Kapples  
John W. Kapples  
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: November 16, 2012