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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

August 2, 2002

SMITH & NEPHEW plc
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street
London, England WC2N 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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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

Yes No X

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The Secretary
London Stock Exchange

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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 FMR Corp and Fidelity International Limited that they have a notifiable interest in 64,763,434 ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each in the Company representing 6.99% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers Company Secretary