

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
August 31, 2011

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 31, 2011

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)

[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 by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2 (b) : 82- n/a.

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: August 31, 2011

Susan Henderson

By: /s/ Susan Henderson

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Company Secretary

31 August 2011

Smith & Nephew plc (the "Company")

Voting Rights and Capital

In conformity with Rule 5.6 of the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules:-

The total issued share capital of Smith & Nephew plc at 31 August 2011 comprised 954,334,551 ordinary shares of US20¢ each, including 61,570,798 ordinary shares held in treasury.

The Company's issued share capital, with one voting right per share, therefore consists of 892,763,753 ordinary shares of US20¢ each. This is the figure which should be used by shareholders as the denominator when determining whether they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the Company under the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

Gemma Parsons  
Deputy Company Secretary  
Smith & Nephew plc  
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