

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
November 16, 2018

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

November 16, 2018

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   
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16 November 2018

Smith & Nephew plc (the "Company")

#### Commencement of Quarterly Buy Back Programme

The Company will now commence its Quarterly Buy Back programme of 669,869 of its Ordinary shares of US 20¢ each through J.P. Morgan Securities plc (the "Buy Back Programme").

The Company intends to hold these shares in Treasury and then cancel them.

These shares were used in connection with employee share schemes in Quarter 3 2018 and will be purchased at the prevailing market price.

The purpose of this Buy Back programme is to reduce the share capital of the Company, in order to keep it broadly constant. The maximum pecuniary amount allocated to the Buy Back Programme is £10,000,000 and the maximum number of shares that will be purchased under the Buy Back Programme is 669,869. The Buy Back Programme will commence on 19 November 2018 and will end no later than 23 November 2018.

This announcement is made in accordance with the Market Abuse Regulation 596/2014.

Susan Swabey  
Company Secretary  
Smith & Nephew plc  
Tel: 01923 477216

#### 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: November 16, 2018

By: /s/ Susan Swabey  
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Susan Swabey  
Company Secretary