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Form 6-K  
April 24, 2002

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

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1934  
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April 25, 2002

SMITH & NEPHEW plc  
(Registrant's name)

Heron House  
15 Adam Street  
London, England WCN 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   
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The Secretary  
London Stock Exchange  
Company Announcement Office  
Old Broad Street

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London  
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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 89,466,838 ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each in the Company representing 9.65% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

J.V. Sutton  
Assistant Company Secretary