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Form 6-K  
December 05, 2003

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  
1934

December 5, 2003

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    X  
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Yes                      No    X  
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Yes                      No    X  
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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew plc  
(Registrant)

Date: December 5, 2003

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

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Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

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The Secretary  
London Stock Exchange  
RNS  
Old Broad Street  
London  
EC2N 1HP

Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been informed today that Mourant & Co. Trustees Limited, as trustee of The Smith & Nephew Employees' Share Trust has purchased a total of 286,149 ordinary shares in the Company on the 2nd of December 2003 at a price of 452.039 pence per share, representing 0.03% of the issued ordinary share capital.

The Trust, which now holds a total of 1,556,520 shares representing 0.17% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company, is a discretionary trust of which all employees of the Company and its subsidiaries are potential beneficiaries. Each of the executive directors of the Company is, therefore, interested in the shares held in the Trust from time to time in the same way as other employees of the Group.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers  
Company Secretary