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Form 6-K  
July 03, 2006

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

June 30, 2006

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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## 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: June 30, 2006

By: /s/ Paul Chambers  
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Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

30 June 2006

London Stock Exchange

Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been informed today that Abacus Corporate Trustee Limited, as trustee of The Smith & Nephew 2004 Employees' Share Trust has purchased a total of 57,603 ordinary shares in the Company today at a price of 416 pence per share, representing less than 0.1% of the issued ordinary share capital.

The Trust, which now holds a total of 57,603 shares representing less than 0.1% 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. Higgins  
Assistant Company Secretary