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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 29 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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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 29, 2006

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers Company Secretary

Smith & Nephew plc - Voting Rights and Capital

29 December 2006

In conformity with the Transparency Directive's transitional provision 6, we notify the market that as at today's date:

Smith & Nephew plc's issued share capital with voting rights consists of 943,482,001 ordinary shares of US\$20 cents each. No shares are held in treasury.

The above figure may be used by shareholders for calculating if they are required to notify their interest in, or change to their interest in the Company under the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

Paul Chambers

Company Secretary