SMITH & NEPHEW PLC Form 6-K October 19, 2004

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

October 19, 2004

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: October 19, 2004 By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers Company Secretary

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#### SCHEDULE 10

### NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

FMR Corp and Fidelity International Limited

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

Non-beneficial interest

 $4.\ \text{Name}$  of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

Bank of New York Brussels 205,200
Bank of New York Europe 134,663
Bank of New York London 424,567
Bank of New York Brussels 87,500
Brown Brothers Harriman Ltd 29,600
Chase Manhattan Bank London 447,700
Deutsche Bank 146,836
HSBC Client Holdings Nominee (UK) Limited 486,279
JP Morgan 970,230
Master Trust Bank of Japan 47,300
Mellon Bank 147,400
Mellon Nominees Limited 47,500
Morgan Stanley 430,075

Northern Trust 372,280 Northern Trust London 100,300 Nortrust Nominees Limited 821,237 Northern Trust London 133,600 RBS Trust Bank 372,518 State Street Bank & Trust 106,200 State Street Bank & Trust Co 58,942 State Street Nominees Ltd 338,800 JP Morgan 163,372 Chase Nominees Limited 22,393,405 HSBC 991,540 HSBC Client Holdings Nominee (UK) Limited 22,933,724 HSBC Client Holdings Nominee Limited 6,546,603 State Street Nominees Limited 4,182,360 Brown Brothers Harriman 9,300

Lloyds Bank Nominees Limited 555,800
Mellon Bank 8,460
SAI 65,000
State Street Bank & Trust 7,400
State Street Nominees Ltd 9,500
Bank of New York Europe 190,500
Bankers Trust 428,118
Citibank 243,254
MSS Nominees Ltd 132,127

- 5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired
- 6. Percentage of issued class
- 7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed
- 8. Percentage of issued class
- 9. Class of security

Ordinary Shares of 12 2/9p

10. Date of transaction

11. Date company informed

15.10.2004

- 12. Total holding following this notification
- 65,484,640
- 13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
- 6.99%
- 14. Any additional information
- 15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Kate Cummins Company Secretarial Assistant 0207 960 2251

- 16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification
- P. R. Chambers

Date of notification

15.10.2004

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