

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
May 31, 2016

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

May 31, 2016

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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31 May 2016

Smith & Nephew plc (the "Company")

Transaction in Own Shares

The Company today purchased 200,000 of its Ordinary Shares of US 20¢ each through Merrill Lynch International, in accordance with the authority granted by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 14 April 2016. These shares were issued in connection with employee share schemes in Quarter 1 2016 and have been purchased as part of a programme to keep the total issued share capital broadly constant.

The average price paid was 1,176.7246p per share.

The highest price paid was 1,181p per share and the lowest price paid was 1,173p per share.

The Company intends to hold these shares in Treasury.

Following the purchase of these shares the Company holds 19,793,115 of its shares in Treasury. The Company's issued share capital, with one voting right per share consists of 894,905,007 Ordinary Shares of US20¢ each. This is the figure which should be used by shareholders as the denominator when determining whether they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the Company under the FCA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

This announcement is made in accordance with the requirements of LR 12.4.6.

Elaine Richardson  
Deputy Company Secretary  
Smith & Nephew plc  
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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: May 31, 2016

Susan Swabey  
Company Secretary

By: /s/ Susan Swabey

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