PEARSON PLC Form 6-K November 13, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November 2017

PEARSON plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

80 Strand London, England WC2R 0RL 44-20-7010-2000 (Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F X Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes No X

## TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attachedii:

11. Planting in the interest of the interest of existing shares to which pearson PLC

1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)

Non-UK issuer

2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify)iii: Issuer share buy-back program reducing shares in issue

3. Details of person subject to the notification obligationiv

Name Silchester International Investors
LLP

City and country of registered office (if applicable)

London, UK

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.)v

Name

No individual shareholder holds more

than 5% of voting rights.

X

City and country of registered office (if applicable)

N/A

5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedvi: 10/11/2017

6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY): 13/11/2017

7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation

		% of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8. A)	% of voting rights through financial instruments(t of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2)	Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B)	Total number of voting rights of issuervii
	ing situation on the date on which old was crossed or reached	11.01%	N/A	11.01%	813,039,276
Position applie	on of previous notification (if able)	10.98%	N/A	10.98%	

8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedviii

A: Voting rights attached to shares

	Number of voting right	nts1x	% of voting rights	
Class/type of shares ISIN code (if possible)	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)
GB0006776081		819,518,883		11.01%

SUBTOTAL 8. A 819,518,883 11.01%

B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))

Type of financial Expirationdatex Exercise/ConversionNumber of voting % of voting rights

instrument Periodxi rights that may be

acquired if the instrument is

exercised/converted.

N/A N/A N/A N/A

SUBTOTAL 8. B 1 N/A

N/A

% of voting rights

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))

Type of financial

instrument

Expirationdatex

Physical Exercise/ConversionNumber of voting Paris 1 or cash

Period xi

rights

N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A

SUBTOTAL 8.B.2 N/A N/A

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an "X")

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuerxiii Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or thefinancial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entityxiv (please add additional rows as necessary)

Total of both if it equals or is higher than the

> notifiable threshold

X

Namexv % of voting rights if it equals or is higher % of voting rights through financial instruments if it than the notifiable threshold equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold

N/A

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:

Name of the proxy holder Silchester International Investors LLP

The number and % of voting rights held N/A
The date until which the voting rights will be held N/A

#### 11. Additional informationxvi

Silchester International Investors LLP ("Silchester") acts as investment manager for certain commingled funds (our "Clients"). In acting for our Clients, Silchester is given full discretion over their investments and is empowered to vote on their behalf. However, we do not act as our Clients' custodian and therefore shares are not held in our name but in the name of each Client's custodian bank.

Place of completion London, UK

Date of completion 13th November 2017

Natalie White
Deputy Company Secretary
Pearson plc

13 November 2017

## **SIGNATURE**

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.

PEARSON plc

Date: 13 November 2017

By: /s/ NATALIE WHITE

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Natalie White

Deputy Company Secretary