

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
May 18, 2018

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 18, 2018

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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18 May 2018

Smith & Nephew plc (the "Company")

#### Transaction in Own Shares

The Company today purchased 299,974 of its Ordinary Shares of US 20¢ each through J.P. Morgan Securities plc, in accordance with the authority granted by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 12 April 2018. These shares were issued in connection with employee share schemes in Quarter 1 2018 and have been purchased as part of a programme to reduce the Company's share capital, in order to keep it broadly constant, as announced on 15 May 2018. Details of the relevant purchase transactions are set out below:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Description of Shares:        | Smith & Nephew Ordinary Shares of US 20¢ each |
| Number of Shares repurchased: | 299,974                                       |
| Average price paid per Share: | 1,320.2387p                                   |
| Highest price paid per Share: | 1,328.0000p                                   |
| Lowest price paid per Share:  | 1,310.5000p                                   |
| Date of transaction:          | 18 May 2018                                   |
| Broker:                       | J.P Morgan Securities plc                     |

The Company intends to hold these shares in Treasury and then cancel them.

Following the purchase of these shares, the Company holds 15,040,452 of its shares in Treasury. The Company's issued share capital, with one voting right per share consists of 874,799,374 Ordinary Shares of US20¢ each (excluding treasury shares). 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 Guidance and Transparency Rules.

These purchases were made by J.P Morgan Securities plc on behalf of the Company and a full breakdown of the individual trades is attached to this announcement.

[http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/6418O\\_-2018-5-18.pdf](http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/6418O_-2018-5-18.pdf)

This announcement is made in accordance with the requirements of LR 12.4.6 and Market Abuse Regulation 596/2014.

Susan Swabey  
Company Secretary  
Smith & Nephew plc  
Tel: 01923 477216

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 18, 2018

By: /s/ Susan Swabey

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Susan Swabey  
Company Secretary