

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
May 20, 2013

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 20, 2013

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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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934.]

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: May 20, 2013

By: /s/ Susan Swabey  
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Susan Swabey  
Company Secretary

20 May 2013

Smith & Nephew plc (the "Company")

Transaction in Own Shares

The Company has today purchased 180,000 of its Ordinary Shares of US 20¢ each through JP Morgan Cazenove, in accordance with the authority granted by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 11 April 2013.

The average price paid was 780.2041p per share.

The highest price paid was 785p per share and the lowest price paid was 775.50p per share.

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The Company intends to hold these shares in Treasury. Following the purchase of these shares, the Company holds 60,108,759 of its shares in Treasury. The Company's issued share capital, with one voting right per share consists of 906,001,328 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.

Gemma Parsons  
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Smith & Nephew plc  
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