

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC
Form 6-K
October 31, 2008

**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**

October 31, 2008

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

Yes

No

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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 31, 2008

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

Smith & Nephew plc - Voting Rights and Capital

31 October 2008

In conformity with Rule 5.6.1 of the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules, we notify the market that as at 31 October 2008:

Smith & Nephew plc's issued share capital with voting rights consists of 882,649,260 ordinary shares of US20¢ each.

67,000,683 ordinary shares are held in treasury, and are not included in the above figure.

882,649,260 ordinary shares may be used by shareholders for calculating if they are required to notify their interest in, or change to their interest in, the Company under the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary