

PEARSON PLC  
Form 6-K  
January 19, 2018

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 January 2018

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

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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 attached: 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 X  
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments  
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights  
Other (please specify)iii:

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.  
City and country of registered office (if applicable) N/A

5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedvi: 18th January 2018  
6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY): 19th January 2018

| 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 (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2) |          | Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B) | Total number of voting rights of issuervii |
|---|---|---|----------|--------------------------------|--|
|   |   | of 8.B 1  | of 8.B 2 |                                |  |
| Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached | 11.14%  | N/A   |          | 11.14%                         | 798,702,834                                |
| Position of previous notification (if applicable)                         | 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

| Class/type of shares<br>ISIN code (if possible) | Number of voting rightsix                                 |   | % of voting rights  |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | Direct<br>(Art 9 of Directive<br>2004/109/EC)<br>(DTR5.1) | Indirect<br>(Art 10 of<br>Directive<br>2004/109/EC)<br>(DTR5.2.1) | Direct<br>(Art 9 of Directive<br>2004/109/EC)<br>(DTR5.1) | Indirect<br>(Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC)<br>(DTR5.2.1) |
| GB0006776081                                    |   | 88,951,732  |   | 11.14%  |

SUBTOTAL 8. A      88,951,732      11.14%

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

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date | Exercise/Conversion Period | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted. | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| N/A                          | N/A             | N/A                        | N/A  | N/A                |

SUBTOTAL 8. B 1 N/A      N/A

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 | Expiration date | Exercise/Conversion Period | Physical or cash settlement | Number of voting rights | % of voting 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) issuer  Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity (please add additional rows as necessary)

| Name | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it 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 information

Silchester International Investors LLP ("Silchester") acts as investment manager for certain commingled

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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 19th January 2018

Natalie White  
Deputy Company Secretary  
Pearson plc

19 January 2018

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: 19 January 2018

By: /s/ NATALIE WHITE

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Natalie White

Deputy Company Secretary