

PEARSON PLC
Form 6-K
March 15, 2016

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 March 2016

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

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: Pearson plc
2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):
 An acquisition or disposal of voting rights X

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached.

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: BlackRock, Inc.
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: 11 March 2016
6. Date on which issuer notified: 14 March 2016
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: Voting rights attached to shares holding for BlackRock, Inc. has gone above 5%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares

| Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE | Situation previous to the triggering transaction | | Resulting situation after the triggering transaction | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| | Number of Shares | Number of Voting Rights | Number of shares | Number of voting rights | | % of voting rights | |
| | | | | Direct | Indirect | Direct | Indirect |
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|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-------|
| Ordinary shares GB0006776081 | 39,998,971 | 39,998,971 | N/A | N/A | 41,683,989 | N/A | 5.07% |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-------|

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

| 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 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Securities Lending | | | 3,033,588 | 0.36% |

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

| Type of financial instrument | Exercise price | Expiration date | Exercise/ Conversion period | Number of voting rights instrument refers to | % of voting rights | Nominal | Delta |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|---------|-------|
| CFD | | | | 324,247 | 0.03% | | 0.03% |

Total (A+B+C)

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Number of voting rights | Percentage of voting rights |
| 45,041,824 | 5.48% |

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:

See Annex

Proxy Voting:

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| 10. Name of the proxy holder: | N/A |
| 11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold: | N/A |
| 12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights: | N/A |

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| 13. Additional information: | BlackRock Regulatory Threshold Reporting Team |
| 14. Contact name: | Gareth Slade |
| 15. Contact telephone number: | 020 7743 3650 |

Stephen Jones
Company Secretary
Pearson plc

15 March 2016

Annex

| 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 |
|---|--|--|---|
| BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. BlackRock Group Limited BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG | | | |
| BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc. BlackRock Fund Advisors BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | | | |
| BlackRock, Inc. Trident Merger, LLC BlackRock Investment Management, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd. BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC BlackRock HK Holdco Limited BlackRock Cayco Limited BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited BlackRock Japan Holdings GK BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. | | | |
| BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |

BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.
BlackRock Investment Management
(Australia) Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock Investment Management (UK)
Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC
BlackRock Canada Holdings LP
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC
BlackRock Asset Management Canada
Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.
BlackRock Fund Advisors

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.

BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia
Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock International Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.

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: 15 MARCH 2016

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

Stephen Jones
Deputy Secretary