PEARSON PLC Form 6-K September 20, 2017

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 September 2017

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

## TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

voting rights are attachedii:  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  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 obligation iv  Name  Silche						X vestors LLP
Name					No individual shareholder holds more than 5% of voting rights	
City and country of registered office (if applicable) 5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached vi: 6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY): 7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation				19	19/09/2017 20/09/2017	
		% of voting rights shares (total of 8.	attached to A)	% of voti rights through financial instrume of 8.B 1 8.B 2)	Total of both in % (8,A + 8.B)	Total number of voting rights of issuer vii
Resulting situation on the threshold was crossed or		11.01%		Nil	11.01%	823,048,609
Position of previous notification (if applicable)		10.01%		Nil	10.01%	
8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached viii  A: Voting rights attached to shares  Number of voting rights ix  % of voting rights  Indirect  Direct  Direct  Direct  Direct						
Class/type of shares ISIN code (if possible)	(Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	e (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)	(Art 9 of Directive		Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)	
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90,654,535

11.01%

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SUBTOTAL 8. A

90,654,535

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11.01%

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

Number of voting

Type of financial

Expirationdate x Exercise/Conversion rights that may be Period xi acquired if the % of voting rights instrument

exercised/converted.

N/A N/A N/A

> SUBTOTAL 8. B <sub>N/A</sub> 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))

Physical

Exercise/Convession Number of voting Type of financial % of voting rights Expirationdate x

Period xi settlement rights instrument

N/A N/A 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  $\chi$ control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer xiii Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or thefinancial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity xiv (please add additional rows as necessary)

% of voting rights if it equals or is higher % of voting rights through financial instruments if it Name than the notifiable threshold equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold xv

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 xvi

Silchester International Investors LLP ("Silchester") acts as investment manager for certain commingled 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. The change in Silchester's holdings was due to a series of transactions over a series of different trading days.

Place of completion London, UK

20th September

2017

Natalie White Deputy Company Secretary Pearson plc

20 September 2017

#### **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: 20 September 2017

By: /s/ NATALIE WHITE

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Natalie White

Deputy Company Secretary