PEARSON PLC Form 6-K August 17, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 August, 2005

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 ORL
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

This Report includes the following documents:

1. A press release from Pearson plc announcing  $\operatorname{Director/PDMR}$  Shareholding

Notification of Transactions of Directors, Persons Discharging Managerial Responsibility or Connected Persons

This form is intended for use by an issuer to make a RIS notification required by DR 3.14R(1).

- (1) An issuer making a notification in respect of a transaction relating to the shares or debentures of the issuer should complete boxes 1 to 16, 23 and
- (2) An issuer making a notification in respect of a derivative relating the shares of the issuer should complete boxes 1 to 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16, 23 and
- (3) An issuer making a notification in respect of options granted to a director/ person discharging managerial responsibilities should complete boxes 1 to 3 and 17 to 24.
- (4) An issuer making a notification in respect of a financial instrument relating to the shares of the issuer (other than a debenture) should complete boxes 1 to 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 23 and 24.

Please complete all relevant boxes should in block capital letters.

1. Name of the issuer

2. State whether the notification relates to (i) a transaction notified in accordance with DR3.1.4R(1)(a)

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(ii) DR3.1.4(R)(1)(b) a disclosure made in accordance with section324 (as extended by section 328) of the Companies Act 1985; or both (i) and (ii)

BOTH (i) AND (ii)

3. Name of person discharging managerial responsibilities/ director

4. State whether notification relates to a person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities/director named in 3and identify the connected person

MARJORIE SCARDINO

N/A

interest

5. Indicate whether the notification  $\,$  6  $\,$  Description of shares (including person referred to in 3or 4above or in respect of a non-hemeficial class). In some class of the class of the

HOLDING

ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

7. Name of registered shareholder(s) 8. State the nature of the and, if more than one, the number of shares held by each of them

transaction

MARJORIE SCARDINO

EXERCISE OF SAYE OPTIONS

Number of shares, debentures or 10. Percentage of issued class financial instruments relating to shares acquired

acquired (treasury shares of that class should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)

2839 SHARES

0.00035%

11.	Number of shares, debentures or financial instruments relating to shares disposed	12.	Percentage of issued class disposed (treasury shares of that class should not be taken into account when calculating
	N/A		percentage)
			N/A
13.	Price per share or value of transaction	14.	Date and place of transaction
	GBP6.867 (option price)		17 AUGUST 2005 AT LLOYDSTSB REGISTRARS
15.	Total holding following notification and total percentage holding following notification (any treasury shares should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)	16.	Date issuer informed of transaction
	184,077 0.0229%		17 AUGUST 2005
	person discharging managerial responding issuer complete the following boxes	nsibi	lities has been granted options by
17.	Date of grant	18.	Period during which or date on which it can be exercised
	N/A		N/A
19.	Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20.	Description of shares or debentures involved (class and number)
	N/A		N/A
21.	Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at the time of exercise	22.	Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following notification
	N/A		N/A
23.	Any additional information	24.	Name of contact and telephone number for queries: ANDY
	N/A		WILKINSON, SHARE PLANS MANAGER, 020 7010 2252
	and signature of duly authorised of:	ficer	of issuer responsible for making
JENN:	IFER BURTON STANT COMPANY SECRETARY		

#### 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: 17 August, 2005

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES
-----Stephen Jones
Deputy Secretary