PEARSON PLC Form 6-K December 16, 2013

#### 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 December 2013

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

| An acquisition or dis  | which voting rig<br>tification (please<br>sposal of voting r | hts are<br>tick the appro<br>ights | Pearson plc  |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--|--|--|
| 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): An adjustment by BlackRock to the calculation of notifiable interest in voting rights X  |  |                                    |  |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
| <ul><li>3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:</li><li>4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):</li></ul>               |  |                                    | BlackRock, Inc.                                      |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
| 5. Date of the transaction and date on<br>which the threshold is crossed or<br>reached:  |  |                                    |  | 10 December 2013           |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
| <ul><li>6. Date on which issuer notified: 13 December 2013</li><li>7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or</li></ul>  |  |                                    |  |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
| reached:   |  |                                    | Holding has gone below 5%                            |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
| 8. Notified details:   |  |                                    |  |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
| A: Voting rights attached to shares<br>Class/type of Situation previous<br>shares to the triggering<br>transaction   |  |                                    | Resulting situation after the triggering transaction |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |
| if possible using the ISIN CODE  | Number<br>of   | Number<br>of<br>Voting             | Number of shares                                     | Number of voting<br>rights |          | % of voting rights |          |  |  |  |
|  | Shares   |                                    |  | Direct                     | Indirect | Direct             | Indirect |  |  |  |
| GB0006776081   | 38,923,069   | Rights 38,923,069                  | N/A  | N/A                        | N/A      | N/A                | Below 5% |  |  |  |
| B: Qualifying Finan<br>Resulting situation a   |  | g transaction                      |  |                            |          |                    |          |  |  |  |

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

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| Type of financial instrument   | Expiration Exercise/<br>date Conversion Period |                          | rights that may be<br>acquired if the<br>instrument is<br>exercised/ converted. | % of voting rights |       |  |  |
|--|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------|-------|--|--|
| C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments<br>Resulting situation after the triggering transaction  |  |                          |   |                    |       |  |  |
| Type of financial Existence of financial Existence of financial Existence of the second secon | nber of voting rights% o<br>ument refers to    | rights% of voting rights |   |                    |       |  |  |
|  |  | period                   |   | Nominal            | Delta |  |  |
| Total (A+B+C)<br>Number of voting rights   |  |                          | ge of voting rights   |                    |       |  |  |
| N/A  |  | Below 59                 | 70  |                    |       |  |  |
| 9. Chain of controlled under financial instruments are effe  | <b>v v</b>                                     |                          | ts and/or the   |                    |       |  |  |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited – N/A (Below 5%)  |  |                          |   |                    |       |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Proxy Voting:</li> <li>10. Name of the proxy holder:</li> <li>11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:</li> <li>12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:</li> </ul>   |  |                          |   |                    |       |  |  |

| 13. Additional information:   |
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| 14. Contact name:             |
| 15. Contact telephone number: |

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16 December 2013

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Date: 16 December 2013

## By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

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