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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 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

## Pearson plc - (the "Company") Notification of Directors' Interests

## Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") - 2013 Release

In 2001, the Company established the Pearson Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"). Its purpose is to link management's long-term reward with Pearson's financial performance and returns to shareholders. Since 2006, the annual LTIP awards have been based around three performance measures: relative total shareholder return, return on invested capital and earnings per share growth.

### Restricted Share Awards Granted in 2008

Under the terms of the LTIP, three-quarters of any shares that vest are released to participants three years after an award is granted. The remaining quarter is released two years later, providing that the executive has retained the released shares and is still employed by the Company.

The following table sets out the number of shares released to directors on 4 March 2013 under the 2008 LTIP awards. The LTIP rules require that sufficient shares are sold to discharge the PAYE income tax liability on the shares released. The shares set out in the third column below were sold on 4 March at an average price of 1171.6p per share, leaving the after-tax number of shares set out in the final column below.

Name of	Shares Released	Shares sold to	Shares Retained
Director		discharge tax liabilities	
Will Ethridge	45,703	17,025	28,678
Rona Fairhead	38,085	19,805	18,280
John Fallon	30,469	15,844	14,625
Robin Freestone	38,085	19,805	18,280
John Makinson	38,085	19,805	18,280

#### Interests of the Directors

As a result of the above transactions, the executive directors are interested in the following shares (excluding shares to which they are notionally entitled or may become entitled, subject to the satisfaction of any relevant conditions, under the Company's employee share plans):

Name of Director	Number of shares	% of Capital
Will Ethridge	534,313	0.06536
Rona Fairhead	458,802	0.05612

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John Fallon	233,171	0.02852
Robin Freestone	427,094	0.05225
John Makinson	528,493	0.06465

## **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: 05 March 2013

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

Stephen Jones Deputy Secretary