

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

September 25, 2020

Susan Swabey Company Secretary Smith & Nephew plc Building 5, Croxley Park, Hatters Lane Watford, Hertfordshire WD18 8YE

> Re: Smith & Nephew plc Form 20-F for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 Filed March 2, 2020 File No. 001-14978

Dear Ms. Swabey:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences