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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ICON plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Leopardstown, South County Business Park, Dublin 18 Ireland

(Address of principal executive offices)

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For the month of September 2002

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under
cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F 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

1.45

Other Events.

The registrant hereby incorporates by reference the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 into this report.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) The following Exhibits are filed as part of this report:

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release.

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SIGNATURES

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.

ICON Public Limited Company

17 September 2002.
Date



Sean Leech
Chief Financial Officer

ICON ANNOUNCES \$54 MILLION IN NET NEW BUSINESS AWARDS IN FIRST QUARTER ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002 (NASDAQ:ICLR)

Dublin, Ireland, Tuesday, September 17, 2002 - ICON plc (NASDAQ: ICLR), - Speaking at the Bear Stearns 15th Annual Healthcare Conference in New York today, Mr. Peter Gray, the Chief Operating Officer of ICON announced that the company had been awarded \$54 million of net new business in its first quarter ended August 31, 2002. During his presentation Mr. Gray also expressed comfort with consensus forecasts for ICON's first quarter results, which will be announced on October 8, 2002.

A copy of Mr. Gray's presentation at the Bear Stearns Conference can be found on the company web site <http://www.iconclinical.com> under Shareholder Services/Recent Presentations. A calendar of company planned announcements and presentations can also be found on the website.

ICON provides contract clinical research services to the global pharmaceutical industry. The company currently has 24 operations in 15 countries and approximately 1,750 employees worldwide.

The statements made in this Press Release may contain forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. In addition to the matters described in this Press Release, the ability to maintain large client contracts or enter into new contracts, maintain client relationships and the ability to manage the opening of new offices, the integration of new business mergers and acquisitions, as well as other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in SEC reports filed by ICON, including its Form 20-F, F-1, S-8 and F-3, may affect the actual results achieved by ICON. ICON disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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