

ICON PLC /ADR/  
Form 6-K  
December 17, 2009

**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 under  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month ended December, 2009

**ICON plc**  
(Registrant's name)

0-29714  
(Commission file number)

South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, Ireland  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Yes  No

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No  \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):82    **N/A**

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**EXHIBIT LIST**

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u>        |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| 99.1           | Icon plc Press<br>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 hereunto duly authorized.

**ICON plc**

Date: December 17, 2009 /s/ Ciaran Murray  
Ciaran Murray  
Chief Financial Officer