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February 14, 2008

SCHEDULE 13G

Amendment No. 1  
Pearson Plc  
Common Stock  
Cusip #G69651100

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Item 1: Reporting Person - FMR LLC  
Item 4: Delaware  
Item 5: 10,914,836  
Item 6: 0  
Item 7: 22,055,036  
Item 8: 0  
Item 9: 22,055,036  
Item 11: 2.730%  
Item 12: HC

Cusip #G69651100  
Item 1: Reporting Person - Edward C. Johnson 3d  
Item 4: United States of America  
Item 5: 0  
Item 6: 0  
Item 7: 22,055,036  
Item 8: 0  
Item 9: 22,055,036  
Item 11: 2.730%  
Item 12: IN

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This Amendment to Schedule 13G filed by FMR LLC amends  
the statement on Schedule 13G previously filed by FMR  
Corp., the predecessor of FMR LLC.

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Pearson Plc

Item 1(b). Name of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

80 Strand  
London, England WC2R 0RL  
United Kingdom

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

FMR LLC

Item 2(b). Address or Principal Business Office or, if None,

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Residence:

82 Devonshire Street, Boston,  
Massachusetts 02109

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Not applicable

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) and the person filing, FMR LLC, is a parent holding company in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G). (Note: See Item 7).

Item 4. Ownership

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 22,055,036
- (b) Percent of Class: 2.730%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 10,914,836
  - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
  - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 22,055,036
  - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof, the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following (X).

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

See attached Exhibit A.

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable. See attached Exhibit A.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

Inasmuch as the reporting persons are no longer the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the number of shares outstanding, the reporting persons have no further reporting obligation under Section 13(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, and the reporting persons have no obligation to amend this Statement if any material change occurs in the facts set forth herein.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 13, 2008  
Date

/s/Eric D. Roiter  
Signature

Eric D. Roiter  
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney  
dated December 30, 1997 by and on behalf of FMR Corp.  
(now known as FMR LLC) and its direct and indirect  
subsidiaries

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Pursuant to the instructions in Item 7 of Schedule 13G, Fidelity Management & Research Company ("Fidelity"), 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 11,140,200 shares or 1.379% of the Common Stock outstanding of Pearson Plc ("the Company") as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR LLC, through its control of Fidelity, and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 11,140,200 shares owned by the Funds.

Members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d,

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Chairman of FMR LLC, are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B voting common shares of FMR LLC, representing 49% of the voting power of FMR LLC. The Johnson family group and all other Series B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all Series B voting common shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B voting common shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common shares and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR LLC.

Neither FMR LLC nor Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR LLC, has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity Funds, which power resides with the Funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Funds' Boards of Trustees.

Strategic Advisers, Inc., 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, provides investment advisory services to individuals. As such, FMR LLC's beneficial ownership includes 2,291 shares, or 0.000%, of the Common Stock outstanding of Pearson Plc, beneficially owned through Strategic Advisers, Inc.

Fidelity International Limited ("FIL"), Pembroke Hall, 42 Crow Lane, Hamilton, Bermuda, and various foreign-based subsidiaries provide investment advisory and management services to a number of non-U.S. investment companies and certain institutional investors. FIL, which is a qualified institution under section 240.13d-1(b)(1) pursuant to an SEC No-Action letter dated October 5, 2000, is the beneficial owner of 10,912,545 shares or 1.351% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company.

Some or all of the shares of Common Stock of Pearson Plc owned by the investment companies at December 31, 2007 may include shares represented by American Depository Shares.

Partnerships controlled predominantly by members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR LLC and FIL, or trusts for their benefit, own shares of FIL voting stock with the right to cast approximately 47% of the total votes which may be cast by all holders of FIL voting stock. FMR LLC and FIL are separate and independent corporate entities, and their Boards of Directors are generally composed of different individuals.

FMR LLC and FIL are of the view that they are not acting as a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934" Act) and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the "beneficial ownership" of securities "beneficially owned" by the other corporation within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the 1934 Act. Therefore, they are of the view that the shares held by the other corporation need not be aggregated for purposes of Section 13(d). However, FMR

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LLC is making this filing on a voluntary basis as if all of the shares are beneficially owned by FMR LLC and FIL on a joint basis.

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RULE 13d-1(f) (1) AGREEMENT

The undersigned persons, on February 13, 2008, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the Common Stock of Pearson Plc at December 31, 2007.

FMR LLC

By /s/ Eric D. Roiter  
Eric D. Roiter

Duly authorized under Power of Attorney dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf of FMR Corp. (now known as FMR LLC) and its direct and indirect subsidiaries

Edward C. Johnson 3d

By /s/ Eric D. Roiter  
Eric D. Roiter

Duly authorized under Power of Attorney dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf of Edward C. Johnson  
3d

Fidelity Management & Research Company

By /s/ Eric D. Roiter  
Eric D. Roiter  
Senior V.P. and General Counsel