

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, 2011

ICON plc

(Registrant's name)

0-29714

(Commission file number)

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

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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**

EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit Description

99.1 Icon plc Press Release issued December 27, 2011.

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 27, 2011

/s/ Brendan Brennan
Brendan Brennan
Chief Financial Officer

ICON Announces Dr. Anthony Murphy To Retire From Board of Directors

DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)--December 27, 2011--**ICON plc., (NASDAQ:ICLR)(ISIN:IE0005711209)**, a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, today announced the retirement of Non-Executive Director, Dr. Anthony Murphy to become effective on 31st December 2011.

Commenting on the announcement, ICON plc. Chairman, Dr. Bruce Given said: "I would like to express the Board's thanks and appreciation for Tony's advice and support during his time on the Board and to convey the Board's best wishes to him for the future".

About ICON plc.

ICON plc. is a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The Company specialises in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. ICON currently has approximately 8,300 employees, operating from 77 locations in 39 countries.

Further information is available at www.iconplc.com

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements:

This release contains, and our officers and representatives may from time to time make, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "expect," "strategy" and similar references to future periods. You should not rely on any of these forward-looking statements.

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