

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 October, 2018

ICON plc
(Registrant's name)

333-08704
(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

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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

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	ICON plc Press Release issued October 24, 2018 - ICON Reports Third Quarter 2018 Results

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 plc

Date: October 24, 2018

/s/ Brendan Brennan
Brendan Brennan
Chief Financial Officer

ICON Reports Third Quarter 2018 Results

Highlights

- **Excluding the impact of ASC 606, record net business wins in the quarter of \$605 million, a book to bill of 1.27.**
- **Excluding the impact of ASC 606, closing backlog of \$5.3 billion, an increase of 10.5% year on year.**
- **Quarter 3 reported revenue of \$655.0 million. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, quarter 3 revenue was \$476.4 million, representing an 8.2% increase year on year.**
- **Reported income from operations was \$97.9 million, or 15.0% of revenue. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, income from operations was \$98.8 million, a 16.4% increase year on year.**
- **Reported earnings per share of \$1.54. Year to date earnings per share before non-recurring charges of \$4.47. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, earnings per share was \$1.55, a 14.8% increase year on year.**

DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)--October 24, 2018--**ICON plc (NASDAQ: ICLR)**, a global provider of drug development solutions and services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, today reported its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018.

CEO Dr. Steve Cutler commented, *"Quarter 3 was another strong quarter for ICON. Net business wins were a record \$605 million, representing a book to bill of 1.27 and our backlog grew by 11% over last year to \$5.3 billion. As a result, revenue grew over 8% to \$476 million compared to the same quarter last year and earnings per share increased by 15% to \$1.55. I am very pleased with our continued ability to execute our strategic plans which position us well for sustainable revenue and EPS growth."*

Third Quarter 2018 Results

Excluding the impact of ASC 606, gross business wins in the third quarter were \$716 million and cancellations were \$111 million. This resulted in net business wins of \$605 million, a book to bill of 1.27.

Reported revenue for quarter 3 was \$655.0 million. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, quarter 3 revenue increased to \$476.4 million from \$440.3 million in the same quarter last year, an increase of 8.2%.

Reported income from operations in the quarter was \$97.9 million or 15.0% of revenue. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, income from operations increased by 16.4% to \$98.8 million, or 20.7% of revenue, compared to \$84.9 million or 19.3% for the same quarter last year.

Reported net income for the quarter was \$84.5 million or 12.9% of revenue. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, net income increased by 15.1% to \$85.3 million, compared with \$74.2 million in the same quarter last year.

Reported earnings per share on a diluted basis was \$1.54. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, diluted earnings per share increased by 14.8% to \$1.55, compared to \$1.35 per share for the same quarter last year.

Year to date 2018 Results

Excluding the impact of ASC 606, gross business wins year to date were \$2,139 million and cancellations were \$344 million. This resulted in net business wins of \$1,795 million, a book to bill of 1.27.

Year to date reported revenue was \$1,916.8 million. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, year to date revenue increased to \$1,412.9 million from \$1,303.3 million in the same quarter last year, an increase of 8.4%.

Reported income from operations year to date, before non-recurring charges was \$284.1 million or 14.8% of revenue. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, income from operations before non-recurring charges increased by 12.2% to \$287.6 million, or 20.4% of revenue, compared to \$256.3 million or 19.7% for the same quarter last year.

Reported net income year to date, before non-recurring charges was \$245.5 million or 12.8% of revenue. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, net income before non-recurring charges increased by 14.5% to \$248.7 million, compared with \$217.2 million in the same quarter last year.

Reported earnings per share year to date on a diluted basis before non-recurring charges was \$4.47. Excluding the impact of ASC 606, diluted earnings per share before non-recurring charges increased by 14.4% to \$4.53, compared to \$3.96 per share for the same quarter last year.

Days sales outstanding, comprising accounts receivable and unbilled revenue less payments on account, were 49 days at September 30, 2018, compared with 49 days at the end of June 2018 and 50 days at the end of September 2017.

Cash generated from operating activities for the quarter was \$128.1 million. Capital expenditure for the quarter was \$11.2 million. As a result, at September 30, 2018, the company had net cash of \$142.3 million, compared to net cash of \$23.9 million at June 30, 2018 and net debt of \$56.3 million at the end of September 2017.

The new revenue recognition standard (ASU No. 2014-09) 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' was effective for ICON plc from January 1, 2018. ICON has elected to adopt the new standard under the cumulative effect transition method. Under this transition method, the new standard is applied from January 1, 2018 without restatement of comparative period amounts. The cumulative effect of initially applying the new standard is reflected as an adjustment to opening equity at the date of application. Results for the three and nine months ended September 2017 are therefore presented under the previous revenue recognition accounting principles.

In addition to the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), this press release contains certain non-GAAP financial measures, including non-GAAP operating and net income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share. While non-GAAP financial measures are not superior to or a substitute for the comparable GAAP measures, ICON believes certain non-GAAP information is useful to investors for historical comparison purposes.

ICON will hold its third quarter conference call tomorrow, October 25th, 2018 at 09:00 EDT [14:00 Ireland & UK]. This call and linked slide presentation can be accessed live from our website at <http://investor.iconplc.com>. A recording will also be available on the website for 90 days following the call. In addition, a calendar of company events, including upcoming conference presentations, is available on our website, under "Investors". This calendar will be updated regularly.

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These statements are based on management's current expectations and information currently available, including current economic and industry conditions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance or actual results, and actual results, developments and business decisions may differ from those stated in this press release. The forward-looking statements are subject to future events, risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the statements, including, but not limited to, the ability to enter into new contracts, maintain client relationships, manage the opening of new offices and offering of new services, the integration of new business mergers and acquisitions, as well as economic and global market conditions and other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in SEC reports filed by ICON, all of which are difficult to predict and some of which are beyond our control. For these reasons, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements when making investment decisions. The word "expected" and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are only as of the date they are made and we do not undertake any obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statement, either as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. More information about the risks and uncertainties relating to these forward-looking statements may be found in SEC reports filed by ICON, including its Form 20-F, F-1, S-8 and F-3, which are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

ICON plc is a global provider of drug development solutions and 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. With headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, ICON currently, operates from 93 locations in 37 countries and has approximately 13,620 employees. Further information is available at www.iconplc.com.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Before restructuring and other items)
Three and Nine Months ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017
(Dollars, in thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
Revenue:				
Revenue	655,017	596,169	1,916,752	1,766,016
Reimbursable expenses		(155,846)		(462,716)
		440,323		1,303,300
Costs and expenses:				
Direct costs				
- Reimbursable expenses	(179,642)	-	(507,708)	-
- Other direct costs	(279,554)	(259,672)	(831,306)	(760,175)
Selling, general and administrative expense	(80,819)	(79,433)	(242,670)	(241,655)
Depreciation and amortization	(17,062)	(16,280)	(51,006)	(45,123)
Total costs and expenses	(557,077)	(355,385)	(1,632,690)	(1,046,953)
Income from operations	97,940	84,938	284,062	256,347
Net interest expense	(1,887)	(2,545)	(7,144)	(7,769)
Income before provision for income taxes	96,053	82,393	276,918	248,578
Provision for income taxes	(11,526)	(8,239)	(31,388)	(31,414)
Net income	84,527	74,154	245,530	217,164
Net income per Ordinary Share:				
Basic	\$1.55	\$1.37	\$4.54	\$4.01
Diluted	\$1.54	\$1.35	\$4.47	\$3.96
Weighted average number of Ordinary Shares outstanding:				
Basic	54,368,656	54,109,566	54,134,639	54,110,022
Diluted	54,901,404	54,756,184	54,888,151	54,840,112

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Restructuring costs	-	-	(12,490)	(7,753)
Total costs and expenses	(557,077)	(355,385)	(1,645,180)	(1,054,706)
Income from operations	97,940	84,938	271,572	248,594
Net interest expense	(1,887)	(2,545)	(7,144)	(7,769)
Income before provision for income taxes	96,053	82,393	264,428	240,825
Provision for income taxes	(11,526)	(8,239)	(29,935)	(30,445)
Net income	84,527	74,154	234,493	210,380
Net income per Ordinary Share:				
Basic	\$1.55	\$1.37	\$4.33	\$3.89
Diluted	\$1.54	\$1.35	\$4.27	\$3.84
Weighted average number of Ordinary Shares outstanding:				
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Diluted	54,901,404	54,756,184	54,888,151	54,840,112

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Impact of the adoption of ASC 606 on revenue

Three and Nine Months ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017

(Dollars, in thousands)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended September 30, 2018

Three Months, Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>As Reported</u>	<u>ASC 606 Adjustments</u>	<u>Balances without adoption of ASC 606</u>	<u>As Reported</u>
Revenue:				
Revenue	655,017	1,022	656,039	596,169
Reimbursable expenses		(179,642)	(179,642)	(155,846)
	<u>655,017</u>	<u>(178,620)</u>	<u>476,397</u>	<u>440,323</u>

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018

Nine Months, Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>As Reported</u>	<u>ASC 606 Adjustments</u>	<u>Balances without adoption of ASC 606</u>	<u>As Reported</u>
Revenue:				
Revenue	1,916,752	3,867	1,920,619	1,766,016
Reimbursable expenses		(507,708)	(507,708)	(462,716)
	<u>1,916,752</u>	<u>(503,841)</u>	<u>1,412,911</u>	<u>1,303,300</u>

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Summary Balance Sheet Data
September 30, 2018 and June 30, 2018

(Dollars, in thousands)

	September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)
Cash and short-term investments	491,482	372,996
Debt	(349,169)	(349,074)
Net cash/(debt)	142,313	23,922
Net Accounts Receivable	358,151	352,332
Working Capital	703,401	600,398
Total Assets	2,325,728	2,174,496
Shareholder's Equity	1,334,484	1,238,748

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