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# Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire

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## Press Release

### **Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire slashes the levy contractors pay by 10%.**

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire has agreed a budget that will enable it to reduce the levy each contractor pays by an average of 10% for 2013/14. It has done this whilst also increasing the service it offers to contractors with a continuing focus on supporting a strong and vibrant community pharmacy network in West Yorkshire.

Robbie Turner, Chief Executive Officer says: "The committee knows that these are difficult financial times for contractors and any reduction in costs will always be welcomed.

But at the same time contractors need an increasing amount of support and this is especially true with the changes and new complexities arising from the significant changes to the NHS.

We all also need to be in a strong position to capitalise on the opportunities presented by these changes to the NHS. Despite this reduction in levy Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire will further strengthen its work to integrate community pharmacy into pathways for long term conditions particularly medicines optimisation and to make community pharmacy a "go to" provider of public health services"

The reduction in levy has been made possible by:

- A tight control on past and future spending resulting in an underspend against last year's budget
- The merger of Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire and Wakefield LPC
- Increased income from other sources such as sponsorship

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#### **Notes to editors**

Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire is the Local Pharmaceutical Committee for pharmacies in West Yorkshire.

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