## Do Healthwatch or Health and Wellbeing Boards have to supply a statement for every Quality Account they receive?

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No. Healthwatch and Health and Wellbeing Boards voluntarily provide assurance of a provider's Quality Account. Depending on their capacity, Healthwatch or Health and Wellbeing Boards may decide to prioritise and comment on those providers where members and the service users they represent have a particular interest.

Healthwatch and Health and Wellbeing Boards should let providers know as soon as possible if they do not intend to supply a statement, so that this does not hold up the Quality Account's publication.

Also read <u>Healthwatch guidance – Quality Accounts (Doc, 37kb)</u> for more advice