Know your SLNs from your FTEs? Essential hints and tips.

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SLN and FTEs

The Standard Learner Number is the new LSC currency.

It replaces cash base rates and each qualification has a listed SLN Value expressed as guided learning hours (glh).

The SLN Value is the listed glh divided by 450.

Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) is the provider glh for a learner divided by 450.

- SLN capped at 1.75
- FTE capped at 1

BTEC National Award

QCA glh = 360
Provider glh = 400
SLN glh = 450

400/450 = 0.89 FTE
450/450 = 1 SLN

Full time NVQ

Provider glh = 500
SLN glh = 520

500/450 = 1 FTE
520/450 = 1.16 SLN

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SLN per learner

The SLN is LSC currency, the FR x PF is the exchange rate.

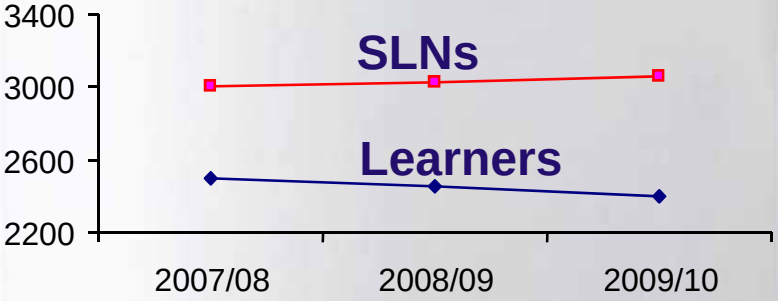
More SLNs per learner equals more LSC currency per person equals less VfM?

The LSC are using this ratio to set 2009/10 allocations based on ratios in 07/08 and 08/09 F01.

Do you know why and when your SLN ratio changes?

Shifts in learner type and/or changes to the curriculum?

Learners down yet SLNs up?



Example above	07/08	08/09	09/10
Total learners	**2500**	**2450**	**2400**
Total SLNs	**3000**	**3030**	**3060**
FT learners	*2000*	*2050*	*2100*
FT SLN ratio	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.4*
PT learners	*500*	*400*	*300*
PT SLN ratio	*0.4*	*0.4*	*0.4*
Total SLN ratio	**1.20**	**1.24**	**1.28**

Understand the FT/PT mix, even if the LSC have stopped asking.

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The LSC, YPLA and/or LAs may also compare provider SLN ratios to judge VfM.

A provider with a low SLN ratio may look more attractive to the relevant funding agency.

But…..

The SLN ratio says nothing about the curriculum mix (e.g. number of functional skills).

It is also only part of the story when it comes to the actual average cost per learner.

College A

1000 learners
1300 SLNs
SLN ratio of 1.3
1300 x £2860 = £3.7m

Success factor = 0.9
1300 x £2860 x 0.9 = £3.3m

College B

1000 learners
1400 SLNs
SLN ratio of 1.4
1400 x £2860 = £4m

Success factor = 0.8
1400 x £2860 x 0.8 = £3.2m

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Any questions?