

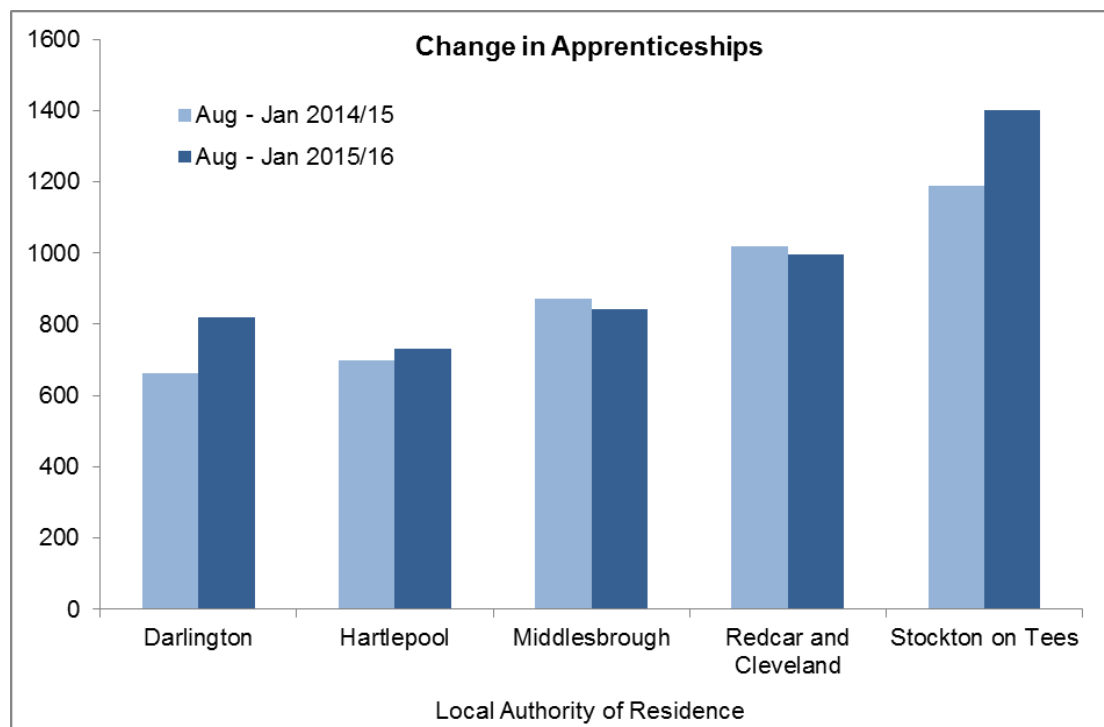
## Apprenticeship Rise in the Tees Valley

Figures released from the Skills Funding Agency in June 2016 show that the number of Tees Valley residents starting an apprenticeship is on the rise compared to last year.

4,790 people living in the Tees Valley started an apprenticeship between August 2015 and January 2016 compared to 4,440 people over the same period the year before, an increase of 350 people or 8%.

The largest increase can be seen in Darlington residents with a 24% increase (160 extra starts), followed by an 18% increase in Stockton-on-Tees (214 extra starts). A 5% increase has also been seen in Hartlepool (30 extra starts).

A small fall in apprenticeship starts has been seen in both Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland residents, with a 3% drop in Middlesbrough and a 2% drop in Redcar and Cleveland (both with 30 fewer starts).



The majority of the rise shown in the Tees Valley can be attributed to those aged over 25 with 370 extra people starting an apprenticeship.

	Aug - Jan 2014/15	Aug - Jan 2015/16	Change	% Change
16-18	1,450	1,450	0	0%
19-24	1,430	1,410	-20	-2%
25+	1,560	1,930	370	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>8%</b>