

Soaring inflation leaves public sector workers facing 'ruthless pay cut'



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Today's soaring inflation figures lay bare the 'ruthless' pay cuts NHS and local government workers face.



The **ONS reported today** [Wednesday 14 July] that the RPI measure reached 3.9 per cent in June – up from 3.3 per cent in May. This was the highest rate since January 2018.

The CPI and CPIH measures also jumped to 2.5 and 2.4 per cent respectively.



Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:

“As the price of living soars, the public sector workers who’ve kept us going during the pandemic are being asked to take a ruthless pay cut.

“Rising inflation compounds the pay cut misery the UK Government is imposing on NHS and local government workers in England, eats away at the minimal value of increases and offers on the table for key workers in Scotland, and puts the finances of all workers across our regions and nations under even more pressure after a wretched year.

“If this Government is serious about ‘levelling up’, they could set the tone by ensuring public sector workers aren’t left on poverty pay.”

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