



Decade high inflation taking food from workers' mouths

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GMB Union says today's rocketing inflation figures show the Government is taking food from the mouths of carers, NHS workers, school staff and council workers.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said that the Retail Prices Index (RPI) was 4.8 per cent in August – the highest rate since December 2011.

The the Government's preferred measure of inflation, the Consumer Prices Index (CPI), jumped from 2% in July to 3.2% in August - the highest since March 2012 and far above the Bank of England's 2% target.



Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary, said:

“The cost of food, of rent, of basic day to day living is the highest it's been for ten years.

“Yet the Government persists with pushing forward a real terms pay cut for public sector workers.

“Their cruel agenda is taking food from the mouths of our carers, our NHS workers, of school staff and our council workers.

“After the pandemic and a disastrous decade of cuts, workers should be rewarded with a proper pay rise - not more slashed wages.

“Any recovery needs pay to not only beat the cost of living but also start restoring what’s been lost over the last ten years.”

