

Dr Sarah Cumbers, chief executive of the Royal Statistical Society responds to the quarterly publication of the Household Cost Indices:

“While the CPI gives a helpful overview of the overall state of inflation in the UK, it’s a headline figure and omits key data like interest rates and so fails to give the whole picture on how rising costs are impacting different groups.

“We’ve long been campaigning for the development of the Household Cost Indices as the best way to do this and we hope the government takes note of today’s figures which show that inflation is higher, and hitting those with a mortgage and social renters the hardest.”