

# Compliance check of ONS's CPI and CPIH statistics

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# Aims

The focus is specifically on ONS's approach to transforming its consumer price statistics.

We aim to address the following questions:

1. Is ONS effectively handling the transformation of consumer price statistics, including engaging with users to understand whether proposed improvements meet their needs and being transparent about what it is doing?
2. Is ONS adequately assuring itself and users about the quality of statistics produced using new data and methods?

# In scope

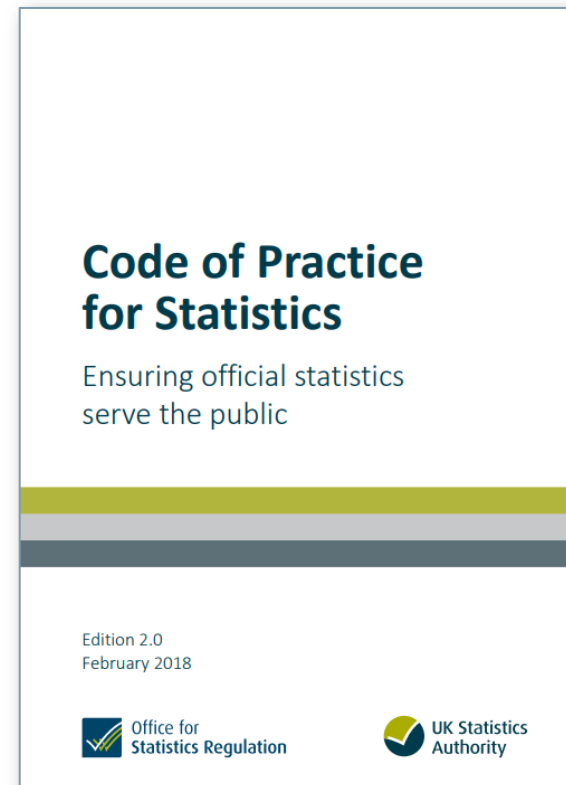
- Effective handling of the transformation, in particular quality assurance and engagement with key users
- Quality of transformed statistics, including impact analyses
- Methodology change to GEKS-T

# NOT in scope

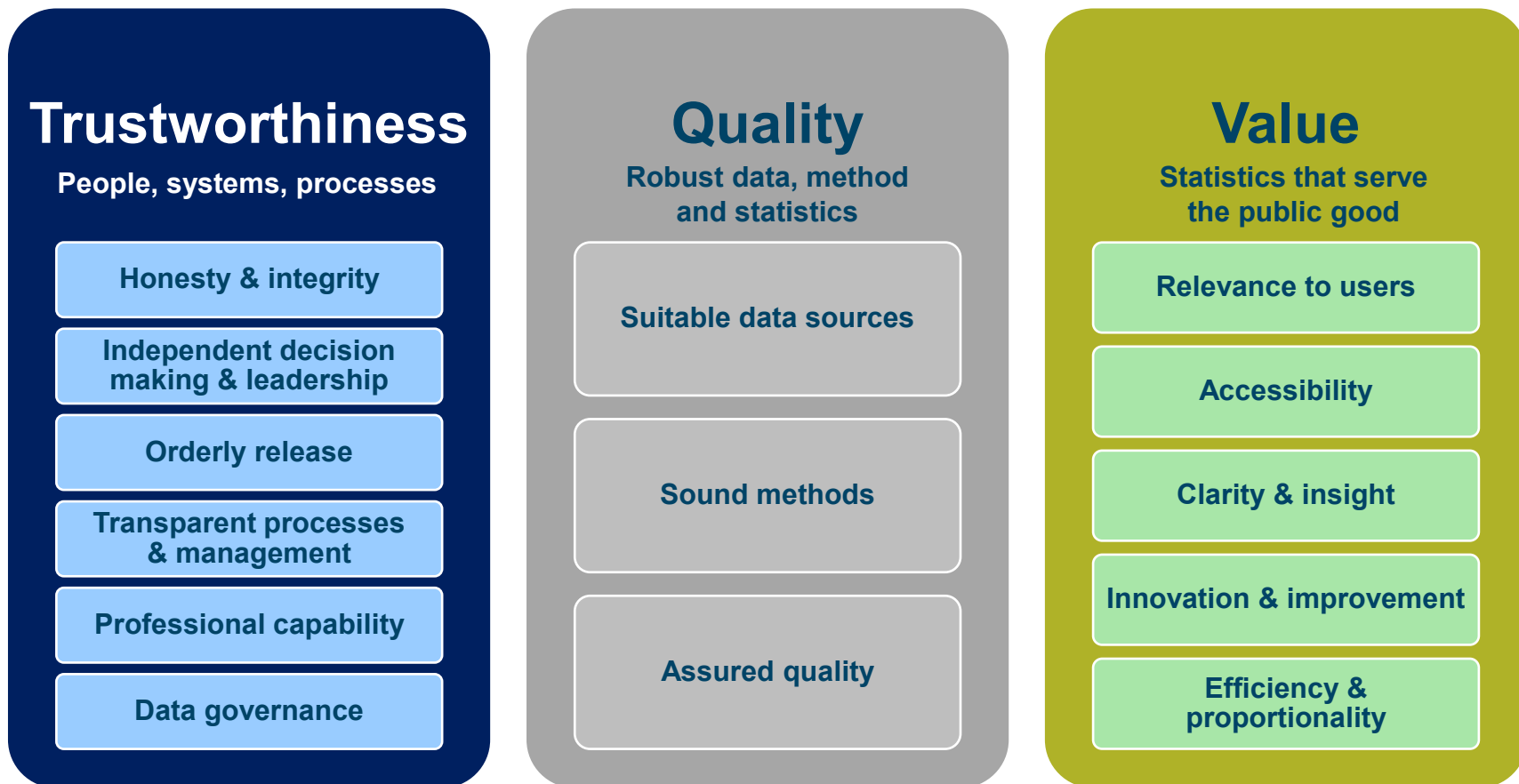
- Replacing CPI and CPIH with RPI
- Rental equivalence and measures of owner occupiers' housing costs will not be directly covered
- Although part of the transformation process, PIPR is predominantly covered by the separate process (Assessment) that was carried out in 2024
- HCIs, except to be aware that CPI and CPIH changes will in most cases also affect HCIs

# Code of Practice for Statistics

- For anyone who produces or communicates statistics in Government
- Based on three pillars – trustworthiness, quality and value



# Principles support the pillars...



... and practices underpin the principles

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# Our approach



Desk research



Engagement with key  
users



Review evidence  
gathered against  
Code (primarily  
focusing on Value  
& Quality)

# Compliance check approach

- Short, focused review of to what extent the stats meet standards of the Code
- Often a high-level investigation
- Objectives are to:
  - confirm compliance in areas of focus
  - identify any immediate enhancements
  - evaluate steps and focus for a full re-assessment
- Based on material in public domain and information from users and stakeholders

Any questions?