

# Transforming Together: NEMCA pledges

The [Transforming Together network](#) is calling on mayoral candidates to use their convening power to take urgent action to improve services for women experiencing multiple unmet needs.

- Women facing multiple unmet needs experience overlapping harms and disadvantage, including experience of domestic abuse, mental health issues, substance misuse, homelessness, contact with the criminal justice system, and child-removal.
- These women are at greater risk of death in the North East when compared to the rest of the country. **In 2021, 1.7 times more women died as a result of suicide, drug and alcohol misuse, and domestic homicide in the North East, when compared to England and Wales as a whole.**

This is unacceptable. The new North East Mayor must prioritise delivering change for the most at-risk women in the region.

## The new mayor must:

1. Radically reduce the number of women dying in the North East as a result of their unmet needs, committing to halving the mortality rate for women dying as a result of suicide, drug and alcohol misuse, and domestic homicide.
2. Form a “Tackling Women and Girl’s Multiple Disadvantage Taskforce” with a bold ambition to improve public services for the most disadvantage women and girls in the North East. The taskforce must establish a clear vision for change, working to break down siloes and improve care and support for the most at-risk women and girls.
  - This taskforce must bring together representatives from the PCC’s office, local authority, health, criminal justice, voluntary and community partners (including specialist women’s and “by and for” organisations), and women with lived experience.