



TRANSFORMING TOGETHER

NEMCA pledges

The [Transforming Together network](#) is calling on the Police Crime Commissioner for County Durham to improve systems 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 Police Crime Commissioner must prioritise delivering change for the most at-risk women in the region.

The new Police Crime Commissioner must:

- Work with the Transforming Together network to review which current interventions are offered to women facing multiple unmet needs, assessing how effective they are.
- Work with the police and lead on a local evaluation of the outcomes, outputs, and effectiveness of MARAC practice for women experiencing multiple unmet needs.
- Review how funding and commissioning processes between PCCs and local authorities can become more accessible, joined-up, and streamlined to ensure women can access specialist services.