

Superintendent who was able to support the DCI's. KG did not have a Detective Superintendent and only had one DCI post. We also had fewer DI's than most other Boroughs. This meant that the workload was relentless. Rarely a few days went past without some kind of Critical Incident or serious crime. This was in addition to constant risk management, performance management and implementing huge change programmes and processing of volume crime and its associated workload, such as, offender management, Crime management etc.

34. I was responsible for ensuring processes and resources were put in place to deal with the constant workload. When a critical incident or serious crime occurred it would be discussed at Pace setters, or if required a Gold Group held. This would ensure it was allocated appropriately and unless it was brought to my attention for any reason, I did not have the capacity or reason to look back on things.

35. After Port's arrest and SC&O1 advising it wasn't suspicious Port was dealt with for lesser offences. The matter was dealt with as far as I was concerned. When Gabriel Kovari was discovered it was responded to appropriately and again, I was advised that it was not suspicious. I (or anyone else for that matter) had no reason to connect it to Anthony Walgate's death. As far as I was aware, they were not connected to each other, they were not found in the same place or circumstances. We knew the approximate circumstances of Anthony Walgate's death which didn't match the circumstances of Gabriel Kovari's death as I was advised of them.

36. When Daniel Whitworth was discovered it was obviously linked to Gabriel Kovari but again there was little to link it to Anthony Walgate. GHB was suspected to be involved in all three but it is not an uncommon drug although it appears that deaths from it may be.

37. I now know that the SC&O1 remit included murder/suicide but I did not at the time, which is why I accepted their view not take on the investigation after they had reviewed it and advised not suspicious. So although Gabriel Kovari and Daniel Whitworth were linked, again the matter was dealt with, there was no link to Port.

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