I am looking for information on digital forensics. The information/ question I am looking for information are as follows:

1. **How many digital forensic officers are able to gather data from smart home devices within the digital forensic unit?**

   10 members of the Digital Forensics Team are competent for on scene activities

2. **What are the issues the digital forensic unit faces when analysing data from smart home devices?**

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3. **What are the procedures, principles and legislation that must be adhered to when handling, obtaining and analysing digital smart home devices within the digital forensic unit?**

   West Midlands Police Digital Forensics Unit adheres to the College of Policing APP and Forensic Science Regulator v7 Codes, ISO 17020 & RG201.

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   Codes of Practice and Conduct Issue 7 (publishing.service.gov.uk)

4. **What software/ hardware is used to analyse and extract data from smart home devices?**

   This information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 31(1) – Law enforcement. Please see covering letter for further details.

5. **Is the digital forensic laboratory software/ hardware used accredited under the accreditation ISO17025?**

   Yes, West Midlands Police Digital Forensics Unit has accreditation in ISO17025:2017.

6. **Are write blockers used to analyse data obtained from smart home devices?**

   No