

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Data Protection Office received an official complaint submitted manually by the Complainant. The complaint was lodged against the Respondent concerning the use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant stated that her co-tenant, who is also the house owner, has installed a 360-degree CCTV camera directed towards areas that she uses both commonly and exclusively. She further indicated that the cameras are equipped with audio and recording features, which she considers to be an intrusion upon her privacy.

Subsequently, the Data Protection Office wrote to the Police to seek assistance for investigating this complaint and to conduct a site visit at Respondent's premises to verify the camera as to whether the CCTV footage shows viewing outside Respondent's premises.

Through a formal letter, the Police informed the Office that the Respondent had installed the cameras for the purpose of securing her property. The Police further verified the positioning of the cameras and confirmed that they were directed towards common areas only, without capturing images from inside tenants' rooms.

The Data Protection Commissioner has decided as follows:-

In view of the above, the enquiry is closed to the satisfaction of all parties under section 6 of the Data Protection Act 2017 (DPA).