

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Complainant manually submitted an official complaint to the Data Protection Office. He lodged the complaint against the Respondent regarding the use of CCTV cameras. He stated: "The person living next to my house has installed cameras facing my house, my prayer house, the right side of my house, and the road, specifically to spy on us and collect all our information." The Complainant expressed concern that this surveillance violated his privacy and caused him considerable distress.

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.

By way of a formal letter, the Police informed the Office: 'The Respondent resides on the first floor and stated that his sister, who lives abroad, installed the camera facing upward to capture images of the corridor separating the Complainant's and Respondent's houses, in order to ensure the security of her tenant who occupies the ground floor. The cameras do not capture any area outside the Respondent's premises.'

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).