

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Data Protection Office received an official complaint from Complainant against Respondent regarding the use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant stated that his neighbour had installed 3 CCTV cameras which are pointing towards his premises. He further mentioned that his privacy was being invaded and that the CCTV cameras could capture images inside his house.

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 letter, the Police informed the office that the complainant denied access to his premises for the site visit. However, he showed the police the live streaming of the camera images. The respondent was asked to re-orient 4 cameras found capturing images inside complainant's premises. A second site visit was carried out by the police and it was found that 2 cameras were still not re-oriented and the respondent was disagreeing to the same fact.

The case file was referred to the police for further investigations where deemed fit or send the file to the Office of the Director of the Public Prosecutions for an offence/prosecution.

The police further carried out an enquiry and it was found that the respondent had re-oriented all the CCTV cameras and no images were being captured inside the complainant premises.

The Police also enclosed the site visit report together with the letter.

The Data Protection Commissioner has decided as follows: -

In view of the above, the enquiry has not disclosed the commission of an offence under the DPA and is closed to the satisfaction of all parties under section 6 under the Data Protection Act (DPA).