

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Data Protection Office received a complaint by email from Complainant against Respondent regarding the use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant stated as quoted that: *"I, (...) would like to lodge a complaint against the installation of a CCTV camera inside my in law's house, who is the respondent.*

The CCTV camera is installed at the entrance of the respondent's kitchen, facing the corridor leading to my private room and also main to the toilet and Bathroom. The camera is positioned to capture my actions and view my privacy rights during the day and night and also to record my conversations to tarnish my image.

I have also two little baby girls who randomly stroll in the said house at times without clothes. This installation has been done because I am not in good terms with the respondent and on every trivial and petty matter she uses to seek trouble with me and same ends up with seeking police assistance to narrow down issues.

My privacy is being jeopardized and little kids privacy is at risks. I am aware that they are closely monitoring the camera and viewing my actions without my consent. The camera installation is meant to spy on me. All my movements are being monitored like the breastfeeding of my little kid."

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: *"an enquiry was carried out into the matter and a site visit was conducted by personnel of (...) Police, whereby it has been stated and found that the CCTV installed inside the premises used by the respondent is not disputed, as the respondent has installed CCTV camera inside her house for her own security and monitoring her health condition by her children."* 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 is closed to the satisfaction of all parties under section 6 of the Data Protection Act 2017 (DPA).