

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Data Protection Office received a complaint on CSU portal from Complainant against Respondent regarding the use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant stated that his brother (...) who lives in front of his abode is causing a lot of inconvenience to him. It has been made to understand that a camera has been fixed by his brother and that same is violating his 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.

By way of a letter, the Police informed the office that: *"On (...) PS (...) carried out a site visit over the premises of (...). In fact, he observed that it is equipped with sixteen CCTV cameras. The Police Officer viewed the CCTV Cameras, in presence of the respondent, over a monitor, only ten of which is operational. His observations are as follows: -*

- a. Camera 12 and 13 pointing at the main entrance on the common road,*
- b. Two dummy cameras fixed to the roof facing the common road, respondent was also advised to readjust certain of his cameras not to capture the premises of complainant, which he promised. On (...), the Enquiry Officer re-examined the locus and found that respondent has repositioned his cameras 12 and 13 and that the dummy cameras were removed."* 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).