

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: *“the respondent has installed cameras at their house. It seems to be a camera which rotates 360 degree. Same is pointing directly towards complainant’s yard, balcony and room (Window).*

Moreover whenever a member of the family is entering/leaving the premises of caller, there are flashing lights from the camera. The situation is causing a lot of stress to the affected families since they feel that they are being observed.”

Subsequently, the Data Protection Office wrote to the Police to seek assistance for investigating his 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 Respondent was met and found that the said CCTV camera has been repositioned and is viewing inside respondent’s 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 is closed to the satisfaction of all parties under section 6 of the Data Protection Act (DPA).