

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 my neighbour (...) who has installed and fixed CCTV Cameras whereby one is placed in such a position that is towards my house and my personal space."*

"Me and my family don't feel free to walk in my yard thinking that we are observed at every moment. Indeed, I have a little daughter of age 4 to 5 years walking and running in my yard everyday"

"I fear, when I am away from my home at night and on duty, he might follow my movements and cause harm to my house, my personal belongings and my family. He might also engage in illicit activities with the recordings. He is also causing prejudice my private life and also infringes my constitutional rights."

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 respondent was met and found that the CCTV cameras have already been re-oriented and same is no more capturing images facing towards complainant. Respondent was also interviewed for a written statement into the matter to which he and his wife declined."* 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).