

## Case Reference Number - [XXX]

Dear [XXX]

The Information Commissioner's Office ('ICO') has received a concern that you may be operating a CCTV system in a way that requires you to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 (the DPA).

The ICO is a UK independent regulatory authority reporting directly to the UK Parliament. The Commissioner enforces and oversees the DPA.

Our purpose is to improve information rights practices. For further information on who we are and what we do, you may wish to visit our website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

### Why we are contacting you

The use of CCTV for limited personal and household purposes is generally exempt from the requirements of the DPA.

However, a court case (*Ryneš*) concluded that where a surveillance camera faces outwards from an individual's private domestic property and captures images of individuals **beyond the boundaries** of their property, the recording cannot be considered to be for a purely personal or household purpose.

The use of CCTV in such circumstances is not exempt from the DPA and you should use the system in line with the guidelines enclosed.

### Next steps

If you are operating CCTV which captures footage outside the boundaries of your property you should refer to the information provided and take any steps required to ensure your compliance with the DPA.

The easiest way of doing this is to consider repositioning any cameras to operate inside your boundary so that they are exempt from the DPA altogether.

We now consider this matter to be closed and do not require any correspondence or confirmation from you in response to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

**Information Commissioner's Office**

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