All about the emergency services

When someone is dying, somebody else usually rings for an ambulance as soon as possible.

An ambulance is like a little hospital on wheels. It has beds, medicine and other medical equipment in it.

Medical staff called paramedics come in the ambulance. Their job is to try to save the life of the dying person and take them to hospital in the ambulance.

If someone is dying because of a road crash or a fire or some other emergency, a fire engine often comes to help. Fire officers are trained to try to rescue people.

Sometimes an air ambulance is used. An air ambulance is a helicopter.

If someone is dying because of something they were hurt by something or somebody else, then a police officer might visit your home. Their job is to find out if anyone broke the law.

You might meet a special police officer called a Family Liaison Officer. Their job is to help you understand what happened. Understanding what happened can help you feel a bit better.

Because I was in the crash that killed my mum and sister, an officer at the police station talked to me about what I remembered about the crash. I was a bit worried about talking to him but he was very nice and my dad was there too.

If someone dies before the ambulance arrives, the ambulance takes their body to a building called a mortuary.

Who have we met from the emergency services and why?