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Mr Niall Collins TD  
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Dear Niall

I wish to thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr Austin Florish, concerning the National Ambulance Service.

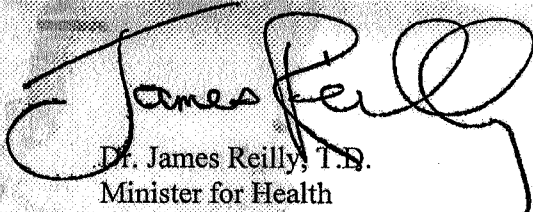
In 1993 the then Minister for Health published a review of Ambulance Services in Ireland. In that review the then Minister for Health confirmed that the Ambulance Service is an emergency service similar to An Garda Síochána and Local Authority Fire Services.

In 2006 the Government Major Emergency Management Framework confirmed that the HSE, An Garda Síochána and the Local Authorities were to be designated as the State's principal Response Agencies (PRAs) and that emergency services delivered by each of these agencies would be designated as the Principle Emergency Service (PES) of the State.

Today, the HSE National Ambulance Service is one of four designated emergency services in Ireland, the others being An Garda Síochána, Local Authority Fire Services and the Irish Coast Guard.

I trust that this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Health

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