

Mr. McCarthy
Dr. Gorvin
Pl. have a new
file made out for
this subject — we shall
hear more of it.

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Dr Field

ACQUIRED IMMUNO-DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

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The recent media interest in the above syndrome (notably the Horizon programme on BBC2 last night), has prompted queries to the Department including some from the USA and France.

The present situation in this country is summed up in the recent review article by A P Waterson in the British Medical Journal (5 March 1983, page 743) (attached) and brought completely up-to-date in a letter from O'Connor, McEvoy and Galbraith (all of CDSC) in this week's BMJ (23 April 1983, page 1354) (attached).

Surveillance of AIDS in this country is being undertaken by the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre. This was started in mid 1982. Data collection is from 3 sources:-

- (i) Copies of death certificates mentioning AIDS or Kaposi's sarcoma are sent from the Office of Populations, Censuses and Surveys to CDSC.
- (ii) Information regarding opportunistic infections is collected on routine laboratory reporting forms.
- (iii) Consultants in sexually transmitted diseases (STD) clinics have been asked to report clinical cases.

CDSC are monitoring the situation closely and are keeping us informed.

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