

## Research reveals twenty million red hair gene carriers in the UK

They suffer a lot of stick for their unusual hair colouring, with hurtful taunts of 'Ginger!' resonating around playgrounds across the country. Despite the prominence of stars Karen Gillan, Prince Harry and Damien Lewis, redheads still complain that they fall victim to prejudice and discrimination.

But new research shows that, far from being rare, Britain and Ireland are in fact host to a secret army of red hair gene carriers. The results of the study indicate that more than 20 million people in the UK and Ireland have the genes that can cause red hair.

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