

UK is Europe's lonely hearts club - survey

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SINGLE people in the UK are the loneliest in Europe, according to a continent-wide survey published today.

According to the research, more than half of British single people (51 per cent) admit to often being lonely.

More than 5,000 single men and women aged between 25 and 50-years-old were asked about their attitudes to singledom in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Holland, Austria and Switzerland as well as in the UK on behalf of the online dating service **PARSHIP**.

It showed 65 per cent of British singles spend a "lot of time alone" and UK men are the unhappiest in Europe about their single status.

British singles are also the most pessimistic about finding a new partner but they are the most active when it comes to seeking a long-term relationship. Singles in the UK are also the worst flirts, with 60 per cent preferring the other person to make the first move. And only singles in Austria were more concerned about their appearance than UK singles.