A 23-year-old Romanian woman is claiming that she is the world’s youngest grandmother.

Rifca Stanescu gave birth when she was just 12 years old and two years ago her daughter Maria had a baby at the age of 11.

Despite urging her daughter not to follow in her footsteps and stay in school, Stanescu told The Sun that Maria left to get married when she was just 10 and gave birth to her first child the following year. “I am happy to be a grandmother but wished more for Maria,” Stanescu told the paper. Stanescu also revealed that she eloped with jewellery salesman Ionel Stanescu when she was 13 and he was 15. She fled with her boyfriend because she was worried her father would force her to marry someone else in the village of Investi in Romania.

Her mother, also named Maria, became a great grandmother at just 40 years old.

Last month, the woman who is set to become Britain’s youngest grandmother at age 20, said that her daughter becoming a teen mum was ‘her worst nightmare’.

Kelly John gave birth to her daughter, Tia, at age 14. Tia is now expecting her own child at the same age.

“My worst nightmare has always been that Tia would repeat my mistake and get pregnant young. [When I found out] I felt the colour drain from my face and all I could do was cry,” John told the News of the World.

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Sharp rise in ‘man boob’ surgery

There has been a sharp increase in the number of men going under the knife to get rid of their ‘man boobs,’ new figures show. Last year, 741 men underwent breast reduction surgery, up 28 per cent on the previous year, figures released by the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (Baaps) revealed.

Although nose alterations are still the most popular surgical procedure requested by men, the biggest increase in demand was for male breast reductions. Up to one litre of fat is removed during the procedure, which takes around an hour and a half to perform and usually costs about £2,000. Despite the economic downturn, the number of people opting for cosmetic surgery in the UK continues to rise. In 2010, a total of 58,274 surgical procedures were performed on men and women, a five per cent increase on 2009. Of these, 52,859 were in women.

Breast enhancement surgery remains the most popular procedure carried out on women by Baaps surgeons, with more than 9,000 operations carried out in 2010, up 10 per cent on the previous year. Surgery for ear corrections and tummy tucks (abdominoplasty) fell in popularity among both sexes.

Fazel Fatah, consultant plastic surgeon and BAAPS president, said: “The public’s interest in aesthetic surgery remained strong in spite of the economic downturn.

“Procedures showing the more considerable rise during this period seem to be, perhaps not surprisingly, concentrated on the most visible areas of the body: face, breasts and nose jobs.

“Surgeries that decreased in popularity were for the areas which could potentially be ‘hidden’ or disguised, such as tummy tucks and pinning back prominent ears.” Rajiv Grover, consultant plastic surgeon and BAAPS president-elect, added: “Every week there are reports in the press of new so-called ‘lunchtime’ procedures.

“The growth rates for surgical face-lifting, breast augmentation and rhinoplasty show double-digit percentage rises because patients are looking for the real deal, for treatments which deliver a reliable long-lasting result and have a proven safety record.