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Figure 2. Cognitive model incorporating experience and beliefs

Experience

Beliefs (about self, world, future, relationships)
- Unconditional (core) beliefs
  - e.g. “I am inferior to others”
  - “people can’t be trusted”
- Conditional beliefs
  - e.g. “If someone criticises me, they don’t like me”
  - “I must do things 100% or I have failed”

Coping strategies
- e.g. perfectionism, trying to please

Critical Incidents
- e.g. break up relationship
  - losing job

Emotional reaction

Thoughts

Behaviour

Feelings

Physiology
Figure 1. Five systems cognitive model

- FEELINGS ←→ THOUGHTS
- BEHAVIOUR ←→ PHYSIOLOGY

Impact of life circumstances, stresses and external environment