

Ten things that are happening

December 2022

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Cost of living

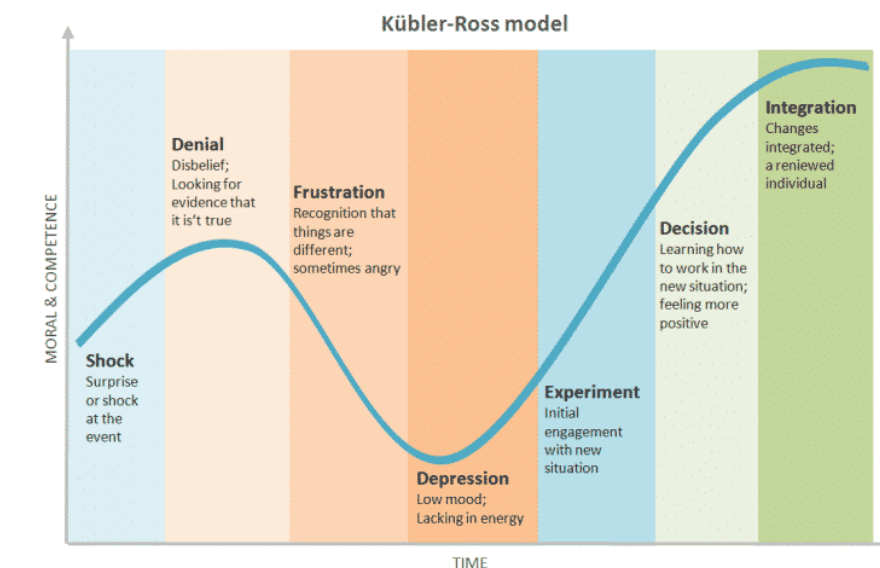
- Most universities have now announced their approach
- [Hub plus 50 ways article](#), [Russell group PR](#)
- [ONS National research out](#) – local comparison? Note link to satisfaction.
- [IFS England](#) - [£1,500 short](#) based on underestimate of inflation
- [Food insecurity and food banks](#) (inflation figures have food inflation at 16.4 per cent, higher for staples)
- [Heating and campus spaces?](#)
- [Energy Bills support](#)
 - [Pass through regulation where student not billpayer](#)
 - [£400 for households – students in halls still TBC](#)
- [Thrift / second hand initiatives](#) (books, uniform, fashion etc) proving v popular
- [Rent setting for 2023/24](#) (uni halls, noms, local market, cost of living estimates etc)

Over **8 million**
households to get
new Cost of Living
payment from
14 July 2022

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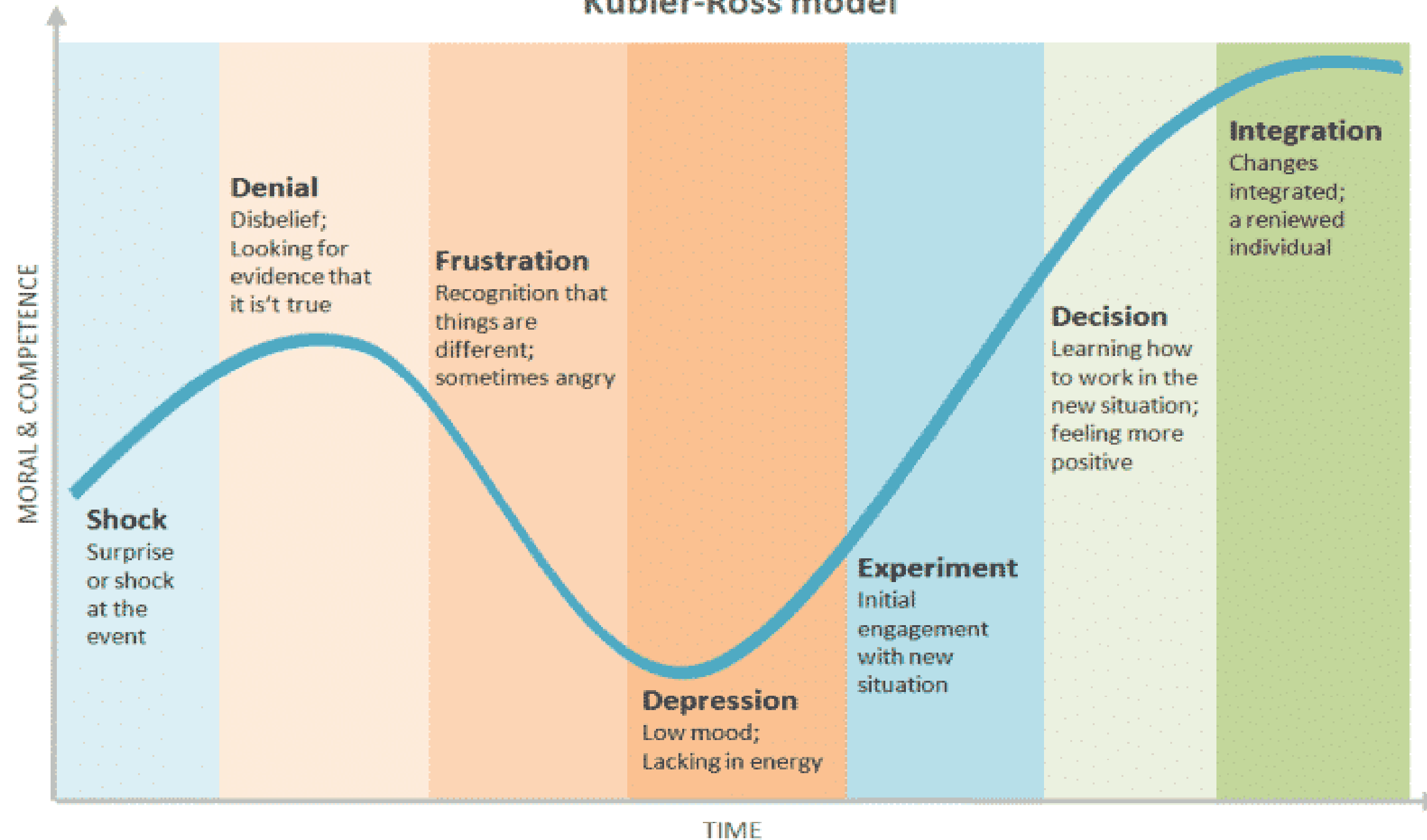
TEF student submission

- Most SUs nearing draft and presentation
 - (Many doing recommendations internally but not in final version)
- Education gain still highly contested...
- Universities responding surprisingly badly to negative content in drafts – but fades (see grief curve)
- Formal guidance on the Student Submission now out see [webinar](#) and [briefing\(s\)](#)
- B3 / Business ... Computing... Law all coming



TEF student submission

Kübler-Ross model



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Housing shortage

- No national strategy (UUK progress?)
- Rent setting for 2023/24
- Renter's reform bill – potential compromise coming on open-ended tenancies
- Family accommodation issue (see also)
- PGT expansion plus Graduate Route visa
- Strategy for the city?
- Figures on types of housing by provider
- Glasgow SRC cap campaign



Free speech bill

- Amendments for report stage potentially:
 - Removal (watering) of tort
 - Regulation of SUs through universities
 - Removal of clause on foreign funding (China)
 - Heckler's veto clause
 - Complaints route(s)
- Becomes law late 22 / early 23, then OfS consultation
- Disciplinary chaos?
- Academic judgement?
- Search Lords register of interests to find links to your uni
- China/CCP and student societies
- OfS free speech event on Dec 15th



Strikes

- See strike sheet for SU approaches
- Action short of a strike – making up for lost teaching?
 - working to contract
 - not covering for absent colleagues
 - removing uploaded materials related to, and/or not sharing materials related to, lectures or classes that will be or have been cancelled as a result of strike action
 - not rescheduling lectures or classes cancelled due to strike action
 - not undertaking any voluntary activities.
- Need to know briefing, rights issues briefing
- Don't forget nursing if you have nursing students Here are the trusts affected.
- Pensions – revaluation means could be progress
- Press releases suggest progress over pay could be made over the Xmas break



International students

- New figures – half a million claim
- Family accommodation crisis
- Nigeria rise and differentials on dependants
- Growing and infrastructure
 - General expansion
 - International
- Pregnancy and learning from complaints



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Harassment & SM

- Statement of Expectations will be converted to regulation
- Prevalence research coming from OfS
- Expected standards coming on bystander and prevention training
- Evaluation from SUMS consulting has some helpful content
- Year abroad, franchise, placement, SUs – jurisdiction issues will be addressed



Transport

- The pandemic has caused more WFH, passenger numbers have not bounced back, and many routes are less sustainable than they were, putting huge pressure on operator margins
- Brexit has caused a significant labour market crunch and operators are finding it much more difficult than in the past to recruit, train and pay drivers.
- Students as drivers?
- Explainer briefing and recording on the site



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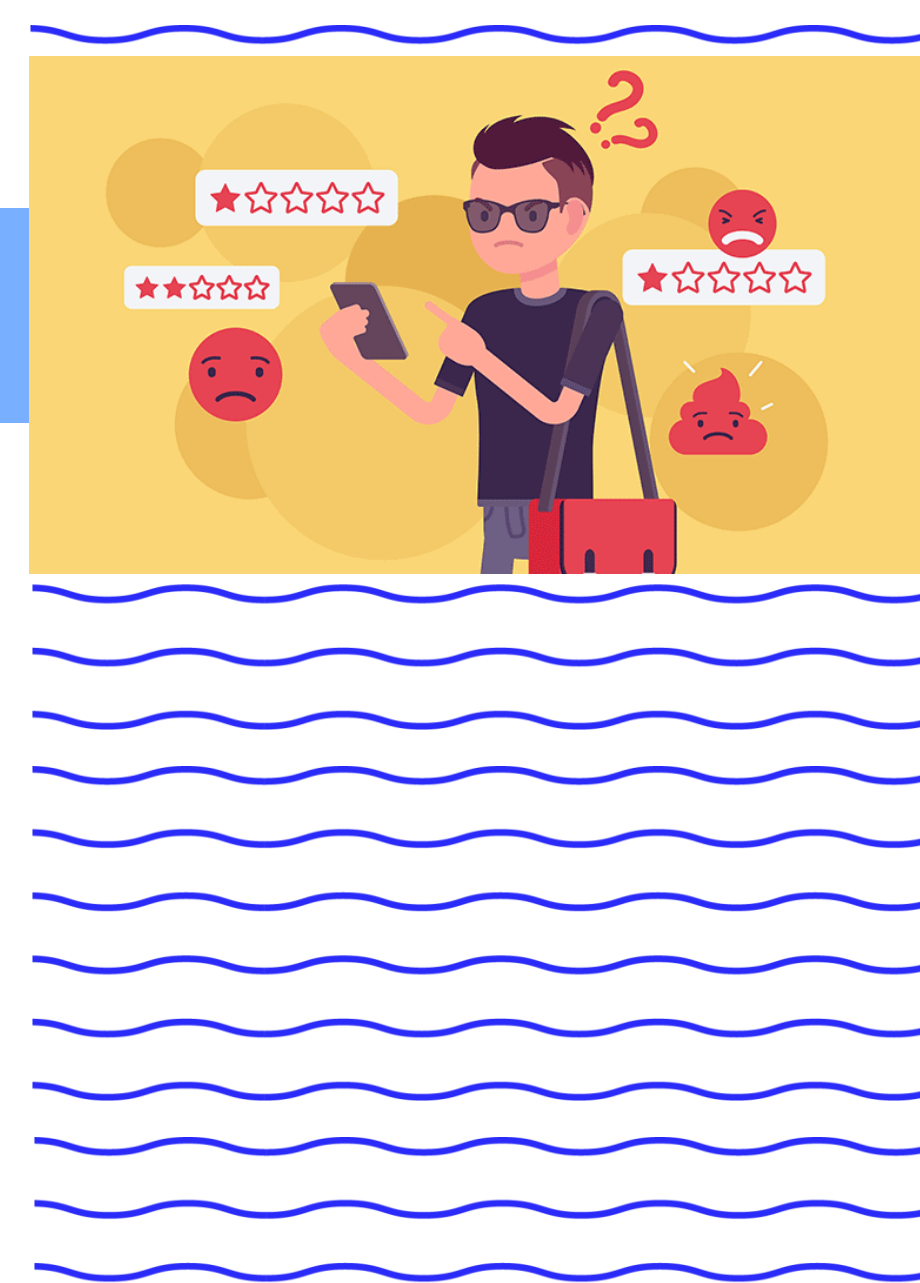
Student mental health

- New research on what/who is coming out from NHS Digital (6 in 10 – food) plus COSMO study on what's coming.
 - (Cost of living research links to M/H)
- Abrahart case expected to be tied up in appeals for most of the year
- Wonkhe SUs Roundtable on reasonable adjustments in December
- Apps and digital MH support



Complaints

- New section of Good Practice Framework launches on Weds 7th December (England and Wales)
- Defacto standard, implies rights across complaints processes and things that lead to them
- New sections on inclusivity, flexibility, timeliness
- Expected section on NDAs
- Prompts on analysis and data
- Explainers to follow



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