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**Dr Williamson joined the Leukaemia Foundation in 2002 and is currently General Manager – Research, Advocacy and Patient Care. She was originally appointed to establish the Leukaemia Foundation’s National Research Program and to coordinate the implementation of standardised services, disease education and psychosocial support programs for blood cancer patients and their families across Australia.**

Anna is a science graduate from Melbourne University who trained initially as a secondary science and biology teacher, then went on to complete postgraduate research degrees in Australia, the Netherlands and Germany specialising in mycology, plant pathology and biological control of plant pathogens. On returning to Australia, she worked for 10 years with the national research agency, CSIRO, initially as a Research Scientist and later as a Research Manager with project and business development, communication and in executive management roles.

Since her appointment at the Foundation in 2002, Anna has overseen the expansion of the national support services team that support patients and families from 10 to 40 staff, to include cancer and transplant nurses, social workers and professional counsellors.

Anna represents the Foundation on a number of national and international initiatives. Anna’s key role with the Leukaemia Foundation in Australia is now in advocacy.