

LETTERS

Home support key to care

Re: Majority of elderly live in own homes: report, Feb. 25

I commend Kim Pemberton and The Vancouver Sun for making seniors issues a front-page story. With 92 per cent of all seniors living in their own homes, it is all the more important for home support to be a major priority in our public health care system.

Home support saves taxpayers millions of dollars each year in acute care costs and greatly improves seniors' quality of life.

B.C.'s ombudsperson released a report on seniors' care in 2012 outlining vitally needed changes in home support. In the almost two years since the report was released, the government has yet to fully implement even one of the recommendations. The solutions are there — it's time to act.

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